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President Reagan has defended his decision to talk to the PLO.

### Soviet Army Paper Airs Unease on Cuts

By Michael Dobbs

MOSCOW — The first signs of trilitary unease with proposed cuts
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alf-page of letters and com-in the paper gave an indicathe 5.5-million-member army

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### Canada Voids i Language Law

OTTAWA (NYT) -- The Supreme Court of Canada struck down on Thursday the Quebec language law requir-ing the posting of commercial Aand other public signs in

The action was a victory for Quebec's 800,000 English ispeakers, who have fought for more than a decade for the right to post signs in their lan-guage. But it created a political Gcrisis for Robert Bourassa, the Gpremier of Quebec, who must now decide whether to abide h by the court decision or to poverride it under provisions that empower a provincial government to declare itself Nexempt from such rulings.



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two years as the troop cuts take

The paper predicted several significant changes in military train-ing methods, including the exemp-tion of draft-age students from compulsory military service.

None of the officers whose lettraveler is flyinvice had been han-does not use the troop reduction plan. To even under Mr. Gorbachev's policy But several officers made it clear

that they were worried about the implications of the decision on a the United Nations in personal and professional level "It must be said openly: It's difficult to attune oneself to such a

i the appointment of Coleral Mikhail A. Moiseyev, orner commander of the lenke. "For many of us, it won't be texn military district, as the easy to adjust psychologically. The ned forces chief of staff. Mr. army has its own special atmosphere, its own traditions." Colonel Tokalenko and several

nade public as Mr. Gorbachev other officers expressed concern over whether dismissed military personnel would lose their right to special housing. In an evident attempt to ease

these worries, the deputy chief of staff, General Vladimir Lobov, promised Wednesday that no officer would suffer "either materially or spiritually" as a result of the

General Lobov predicted that one fifth of all the personnel cuts, amounting to 100,000 men, would be made in the professional officer corps rather than from the ranks of

The last major attempt to reduce the size of the armed forces was See ARMY, Page 6

By Joseph Fitchett

menational Herald Tedron

PARIS — If patriotism is the last

refuge of a scoundrel, national se-

curity is often the last resort of a

In the United States, where ball-

bearing makers recently tried to get

protection from foreign competi-tion, calls to safeguard a national

"defense-industrial base" often are

simply code for nontariff barriers.

Protectionism/ Free Trade

and the national security umbrella

increasingly shelters protectionism

of new categories of manufacturing

In Europe, where France tried to

block a foreign takeover of a car-

parts maker on national security

grounds, a protectionist reflex

threatens to erect a rampart around

defense industries. European Com-

munity governments are consider-

ing whether to form a common

market for everything from fighter

planes to field radios and to penal-

ize imports of U.S. arms by impos-

And in Japan, an emergent arms

industry is seeking protection to develop into a full-fledged supplier

capable of replacing many of the

combat aircraft and warships that

once were major imports that

belped redress the Japanese trade

Protectionism in the defense sec-

surplus with the United States.

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ing tariffs.

with the Palestine Liberation Organization on Thursday after President Ronald Reagan's decision to reverse long-standing policy and open a dialogue with the group.

But as contact was made in Tunisia, Mr. Reagan warned he would not hesitate to "break off commumications" with the PLO if it reneged on its declarations to re- resentatives." nounce terrorism and accept Israel's right to exist.

sion to permit a dialogue, reversing sion because the United States had a 12-year Washington policy, saying that "words have been spoken" that spelled out the PLO's accep-

By Alan Cowell

Arab world responded warmly

Thursday to the U.S. decision to

open a dialogue with the Palestine

cast it as only a start in the longer

process of securing Middle East

In Damascus, small, radical Pal-

estinian (actions outside the PLO

issued veiled threats that they

would counter the new relationship

But the overriding sentiment

among Egyptian and other Arab officials was that the U.S. move

had vindicated what they depict as a new moderation and realism

within the PLO and an emergent

bloc of Arab nations that support

tor is crystallizing amid alarm about a threat to the global trading system as nations seek relief for

their industries at a time of techno-

logical upheaval and competition

from newly industrialized coun-

ty" protectionism is especially dan-

gerous, analysts say, because trade recriminations could spill over into

defense discussions among the

NATO allies.

The spread of "national securi-

the trend.

**National Security Gives** 

Protectionists a Weapon

with Washington with terrorism.

Liberation Organization, but they

CAIRO - Officials and com- unique chance" to start a political

mentators in many parts of the settlement. He said that the Soviet

cepted United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, recognized Israel's right to exist in peace and security and renounced

"As a result," Mr. Shultz said, "the United States is prepared for a substantive dialogue with PLO rep-

Mr. Reagan said Thursday that he did not think Israel had any Mr. Reagan defended his deci- reason to be upset with the decimade it plain that it had "not retreated one inch" from its position of guaranteeing the safety of the

The president talked to reporters

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At a news conference Wedness

WASHINGTON — The United day night, Secretary of State

States made its first official contact

George P. Shultz said the PLO had minister Turgut Ozal of Turkey

Minister Turgut Ozal of Turkey

At a news conference Wedness

twice, during picture-taking sessions in the Oval Office with Prime his organization.

Turkey

Asked to explain the reversal.

A PLO executive committee to peace negotiations." issued a statement in which it ac- and later with Prime Minister Cir- Mr. Reagan replied, "Well, because iaco De Mita of Italy.

U.S. Makes First Contact With PLO

quickly followed through on the have been stating were necessary."

Thursday that he supported the replied, "Well, we'd certainly break

Mr. Reagan said the administration made its decision after it be- Robert H. Pelletrean Jr., who was came satisfied that the PLO chair- assigned to open the "substantive man, Yasser Arafat, in a news dialogue" with the PLO, called the conference in Geneva on Wednes-day, had complied with the Ameri-tion at the PLO's headquarters in

the words have been spoken, and He spoke after U.S. officials the words were the words that we reversal of the policy against talks
with the PLO and sought an early
meeting. A senior State Department official said he hoped this we're back where we started."

But he quickly added that "the words must be matched by performance, and if they're not, why, meeting. A senior State Department official said he hoped this we're back where we started."

Would lead to direct Arab-Israeli

Asked a short time later what he peace talks.

PLO team in the talks, told Reuters on Thursday that they would meet in a Tunisian government building would do if the PLO failed to live yet to be decided. President-elect George Bush said up to its statements, the president

The U.S. ambassador to Tunisia,

member in Tunis said that the first public meeting between the United States and the PLO would take place in Tunis on Friday afternoon. Abdullah Honrani, one of the four men designated to be on the

Mr. Arafat was meeting with East German officials in Berlin on Thursday, then was reported heading for Bucharest. It was not known when he intended to return to Tu-

As to the topics of the talks, the U.S. official said, "We have our

Mr. Shultz made his decision after two hectic days of lobbying by Arab allies of the United States, notably Saudi Arabia and Egypt King Fahd of Saudi Arabia sent two personal messages to Mr. Reagan on Wednesday, saying Mr. Arafat had gone as far as he could and the United States should not miss this "historic opportunity.

The Saudi ambassador, Prince Bandar ibn Sultan, and Ambassador Abdel Reouf Reedy of Egypt pressed the White House and State Department to respond positively. The White House spokesman

Marlin Fitzwater, said the chain of events that brought about the sur-See PLO, Page 6



that continued American dismiss-

tion within the PLO and leave hi

Arab allies exposed to radical

taunts that they had frittered away

Palestinian bargaining chips for no

Several Palestinian commenta-

tors depicted the U.S. decision as a

victory for what Arabs call the inti-

fada --- the year-old Palestinian up-

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visible return.

Peres and Mr. Shamir expressed the prevailing view -- concern that bordered on anguish as Israel accepted that it now stood completely alone on the issue of relations with the PLO.

U.S. change of position, no other negotiations should not be held with the PLO under any circumstances

was "not the ideal situation." He said that Israel's job now was to try to persuade the United States to

every day they will have a reason to stop," he said. While Mr. Peres went out of his

relations with the United States would remain "as friendly, as deep as meaningful" as before, Mr. Shamir took a somewhat darker view.

### Shamir Denounces Acceptance of PLO As a U.S. 'Blunder'

By Joel Brinkley

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Thursday that the U.S. decision to talk with the Palestine Liberation Organization was a dangerous "blunder that will not help us, will not help the United States and not help the

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres suggested that the United States and other countries willing to talk to the PLO were naive. "While other countries are expressing their views out of sincere hope," he said, "we express our views from bitter

While some Israelis of the political left said that they were delighted with the American decision, Mr.

In an interview Thursday, Mr. Shamir acknowledged that with the

"If they really talk to the PLO,

way to say he believed that Israel's

"This will have an impact," he

said, "You can't ignore it. You can't deny it."

Mr. Peres suggested that PLO actions would eventually convince the United States that it erred.

"I surely see a change in their rhetoric, but I hardly see a change in their actions," he said, adding that "if one Molotov cocktail" was thrown in the Israeli-occupied tercitories, it would nullify Mr. Arafat's renunciation of terrorism.

Newspaper editorials generally agreed. The daily Hadashot called the U.S. decision "the most painful diplomatic slap Israel has received," while the daily Maariv said that Mr. Arafat had "once again made a fool out of the Ameri-

Many Israelis on the political left were of a different view, saying that perhaps the PLO really had

"I think we've started a new era," Ezer Weizman of the Labor Party said. "In my estimation, the pres-See ISRAEL, Page 6

# ances. Being alone, Mr. Shamir said, But Where

By David B. Ottaway and John M. Goshko Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration's decision to begin a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization has opened the door to a new era in Middle East diplomacy whose consequences. other than a period of severe strain in U.S.-Israeli relations, are impossible to predict.

The only thing clear in the immediate aftermath is that the United States, despite what administration spokesmen were saying Thursday, has in effect extended diplomatic

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recognition to the PLO and introduced it as a party in any new peace

This in itself is an act of momentous consequence, a kind of diplo-matic Rubicon in the Middle East - first for Israel and then for the incoming Bush administration as it seeks to devise a new approach to settling the dispute.

The U.S. action presents a direct

challenge to Israel's steadfast refusal to deal with the PLO and undermines its efforts to find other Palestinians to negotiate with from the Israeli-occupied territories.

It also lays the groundwork for a confrontation between the United States and Israel over the direction the peace process should take -one that Secretary of State George P. Shultz already got a taste of in his four attempts this last year to persuade Prime Minister Yitzhak hamir to accept a peace plan. The State Department spokes-

man, Charles E. Redman, sought on Thursday to minimize the significance of the U.S. decision to open "a substantive dialogue" with the PLO. He said repeatedly that it had "nothing to do with" U.S. recognition of the PLO, an issue which in no way enters into this equa-

"I don't see any impact on any other aspect of the PLO status by virtue of this decision," he said, reaffirming the present U.S. policy of denying the PLO an office in Washington "What has happened is that we are now able to have a dialogue with the PLO."

Nor has there been any change in the U.S. rejection of the PLO declaration in Algiers on Nov. 15 of an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Even a new visa request from the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, to go to the United Nations in New York — Mr. Shultz rejected a re-See ASSESS, Page 6

# In Spitak, Survivors Are Living a Death

"This is a significant American als of Mr. Arafat's purported mod-

contribution to the process of eration would undermine his posi-

In Geneva, Vladimir F. Pe-Washington Post Service SPITAK, U.S.S.R. — In this Ar-menian town, the living search for the

A young man in his 20s walked up and down rows of coffins on Wednes-

Nothing prepares a visitor for Spi-tak, for its small sports stadium filled with coffins and its bodies left out in live a week ago, people here say.

moved beneath it and the town was

These fears were heightened last month when the French defense minister, Jean-Pierre Chevènement, said in a policy speech that a "European pillar" for Western security must have a foundation of defense industries within the European Community. To protect them, he called for a "European prefer-

ence" in military procurement. The NATO allies are already cutting out U.S. defense contractors for reasons of domestic politics and "Europe-building," the U.S. ambassador to West Germany, Richard R. Burt, warned recently. A closed market for defense, he said, would trigger a backlash against keeping U.S. troops in Eu-

To prevent such recriminations. "military trade disputes should be treated as trade issues rather than as diplomatic challenges," the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a research organization in Washington, said in a report last

Protectionism, if allowed to take hold, could sabotage hopes for broader cooperation on military See TRADE, Page 14

of preparatory work within the UN

Security Council aimed at conven-

ing an international conference,

faction, suggesting that President Hosni Mubarak had played an im-

portant role in swinging the Rea-

gan administration away from its

earlier hostility toward anything that might be depicted as a conces-

Egypt expressed profound satis-

uters reported.)

A single delegate from Israel, Myrism Milo, listening Thursday to the final day of debate on Palestine at the UN session in Genera.

trovsky, a Soviet deputy foreign sion to the PLO chairman, Yasser deepest concern for Cairo had been minister, said there was now "a Arafat. deepest concern for Cairo had been that continued American dismiss-

achieving a comprehensive and du-

rable peace in the Middle East."

Osama Baz, chief foreign policy ad-

viser to Mr. Mubarak, said in Bah-

ment of ties between the American

people and the Arab states."

"It will lead to an improve-

He added that the U.S. decision

Other officials indicated that the

would "maintain the moderate and

positive line within PLO ranks."

Arabs Hail U.S. Move as Step to Peace

day, opening lids, looking for his brother. Finally, he found what he did not want to see, and at the sight of his brother, climbed into the coffin with him, ready to join the dead.

the cold. With a population of 20,000, surrounded by the Caucasus mountains, Spitak was a beautiful place to But then, on Dec. 7, the earth

Western rescue teams end search for survivors in Armenia, Page 2.

completely destroyed. At least half its residents died. Eight kindergartens, eight schools, factories for soap, sug-ar and elevators — all were reduced

On every street, the curbs are lined with coffins and the detritus of ordinary life: a stack of Armenian novels, a pile of cabbages, a boot, a halfeaten loaf of bread, a torn reproduc-tion of a portrait. And everywhere the smell is of smoke and snow and the

Artavad Kogosyan, a sugar worker who on Wednesday was still looking for his daughter, said: "In this town, it used to be that when one person died, we all cried. But now only a few can cry. We have no more tears left." Survivors who spend their days turning over slabs of concrete in hopes of a finding someone alive are

A woman stood on a heap of rubble, her home, and flipped through an album of family pictures. "It all happened in an instant," she

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slowly giving up.



A survivor of the earthquake boiling pots of water in the city of Spitak, which was destroyed.

### Western Rescuers End Search For Survivors in Armenia

MOSCOW - Western rescue teams abandoned efforts Thursday to find more survivors of the Dec. 7 earthquake in Armenia, and Soviet authorities said they had arrested 150 people for looting destroyed

The chief of staff of Interior Ministry troops in the area said that officials had confiscated thousands of weapons, including sub-machine guns, and that ethnic unrest was continuing in the region.

Soviet officials again accused Armenian nationalists and their Azerbaijani counterparts of exploiting the disaster.

But an Armenian nationalist leader said in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, that the Soviet Army was trying to use the disaster to

crush the movement. Soviet officials have told foreign rescue workers in at least one town, Spitak, to leave. But members of aid teams there termed the decision

premature. Spitak was destroyed. At the same time, a U.S. government official and Western diplomats said Western rescue teams believed that no more survivors would be found in the rubble and that they were abandoning their search. At least 55,000 people died

We are ready to end our operations," said Julia Taft, an official of the U.S. Foreign Disaster Office of the Agency for International Development. "People cannot remain alive buried under the rubble for such a long time, and it is very cold.

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"Most of the search and rescue teams from the donor countries have left or are in the process of leaving," Mr. Taft said at a press briefing at the U.S. Embassy in

The Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, reported Thursday that the authorities had arrested 150 people for stealing valuables worth tens of thousands of dollars from destroyed homes.

It also said that Armenian nationalists were spreading rumors that the thousands of Soviet troops sent to the republic to help with rescue work were using the situation to "enslave Armenia."

In Yerevan, a fugitive nationalist leader asserted that the Soviet Army had exploited the earthquake in Armenia and had made the arrests in a bid to crush the Armenian nationalist movement.

Ambarstum Galastian, a spokesman for the Karabakh Committee, said the arrests had taken place since President Mikhail S. Gorba-chev toured the disaster zone on Saturday. The unofficial group has led a campaign for the transfer to Armenia of the Azerbaijan-administered enclave of Nagorno-Kara-

He said that many of those arrested were young people helping with relief work.

He rejected Mr. Gorbachev's accusation that "political adventurers" had taken advantage of the earthquake by stirring up nationalist emotions

The official news agency Tass said that 20 more Armenian vil-lages were found to have been damged by the quake and that aid was being rushed there.

A Politburo commission supervising the disaster said the Armenians' handling of rescue efforts had been too lax, the agency said. In Yerevan, foreign rescue work-ers said they had been told to leave some areas because damaged buildings were to be demolished

Regarding the arrests of persons occused of looting, Pravda quoted Lieutenant General Vladimir Dubinyak, chief of staff of the Interior Ministry troops, as saying: "We shouldn't conceal the fact that all kinds of scum is coming to the places of tragedy in search of easy

In the heavily damaged city of Kirovakan, a man was detained for taking watches and earrings from the bodies of victims, Tass said.

In Leninakan, some people who had worked in a gift shop stole several thousand dollars worth of

Tass said that goods sent to Yerevan from around the world were being guarded and that a system of

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STRIKING SPANIARDS - Nicolas Redondo, left, leader of the Socialist General Union of Workers embracing Antonio Gutiérrez of the Communist Workers' Commissions in Madrid on Thursday after a 24-hour general strike. Prime Minister Felipe González, a Socialist, urged talks with union and industrial leaders after acknowledging that the strike had hurt the government.

### West Shifts Thinking on Soviet Strategy

By Joseph Fitchett

passes had been introduced at the

General Dubinyak said troops

under his command had confiscat-

ed thousands of weapons in Arme-

nia and Azerbaijan. Large areas of

both republics are under a state of

emergency following ethnic ten-

He said that in one area hit by the quake, troops had found weap

ons, including 16 submachine guns. General Dubinyak also assailed

"The people of the Karabakh

Committee are spreading rumors

that the army and interior troops

are using the situation in order to

enslave Armenia, that the soldiers

are working not with shovels but

Some Armenians have stoppe

Azerbaijani relief aid at the border,

he told Pravda, while some Azer-

baijanis "poured oil on the fire" by

celebrating the quake and sending

the Armenians congratulatory tele-

The Politburo commission,

headed by Prime Minister Nikolai L Ryzhkov, established that 48 vil-

lages in Armenia were seriously

damaged by the quake instead of 28 as reported earlier, Tass said.

be considerably increased," it said,

adding that communications had

not yet been restored to rural areas

and that there was a shortage of

(AP, Reuters, AFP)

food and other necessities there.

"The relief to rural areas should

the Karabakh Committee.

with rifle butts," he said.

airport following several thefts.

al Herald Tribune PARIS - Western military officials and experts believe that NATO needs to worry less about a surprise attack by the Warsaw Pact and instead concentrate on reacting to any Soviet mobilization that Power would give the Warsaw Pact mo-

scattered through the Soviet forces also could be eliminated, Mr. Dunmentary supremacy.

Pentagon officials told a House committee recently that Soviet commanders had become convinced after NATO spent several years improving its conventional forces in Europe that "both sides time to mobilize if they want to build up their forces," said Simon possess enormous military capabilities that cannot be destroyed, even

As a result, the Pentagon was said to have concluded that Soviet said, reflected Soviet planners' loss of confidence in a lightning offenplanners did not believe that they could best achieve their goals "by virtue of a surprise attack that defeats NATO in a very few days."

That change in Western thinking was widely shared by experts questioned Thursday about the military puences of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's announcement last week of unilateral Soviet troop cuts. Half of the 10,000 Soviet tanks in forward areas of the Warsaw Pact are to be withdrawn by

Nearly 2,000 will go when six Soviet armored divisions are disbanded in East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Of the remaining 3,000 Soviet tanks to be scrapped, they will probably be eliminated by getting rid of scores of independent tank units, accord-ing to Colonel Andrew Duncan of the International Institute of Stra-

legic Studies in London. He ruled out the possibility that Soviet tanks stored near the front lines would be removed, because they are needed as emergency re-

Instead, 1,550 tanks could be

scrapped by ordering home five in-dependent tank regiments attached For this, he said, the West should Union succeeded in bringing forto Soviet armored divisions since ward tanks for days or even weeks the late 1960s and 14 independent while NATO nations failed to tank battalions that joined mecha-nized infantry divisions in Europe agree on counter-mobilization.

The priority for NATO now, according to Les Aspin, Democrat of Wisconsin, who is chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. is to improve the ability of the alliance to spot Soviet reinforcements and make the political decision to react promptly. The thrust of the committee's findings, based on hearings conducted before Mr. et units of combat, they will need Gorbachev's announcement was

reaffirmed by Mr. Aspin on Thursday in a speech in Brussels. He called for NATO to seek "actionable" warning meaning warn-ing of a Warsaw Pact mobilization "that European publics would find convincing enough to allow their

negotiate arms control agreements that cast Warsaw Pact forces in a defensive posture and make it "mpossible to change that posture without giving clear notice to the other side."

The threat of a Warsaw Pact invasion still exists, particularly in the northern part of Germany, where NATO's weakest part of the front faces pact forces in East Germany, the best equipped and most loyal Soviet ally in the alliance, the mittee concluded.

The surprise attack that has worried NATO planners for a decade, as Soviet conventional forces in Europe improve steadily in numbers and in equipment, was a "standing start" attack in which Warsaw Pact forces moved directly governments to take necessary mo-bilization steps" without appearing NATO before Western forces had time to go on alert.

### Khmer Rouge Leader Vows to Support Talks

changed his position and will work Phnom Penh government. to unify Cambodian resistance fighters behind Prince Norodom

after 1972 to add mobility and fire-

can said, cutting the balance of

1,450 tanks in the 5,000 to be with-

Already, "if there are fewer Sovi-

Lunn, a former North Atlantic

The logic of the cuts, experts

achieve a dangerous superiority in provocative.

Treaty Organization planner.

sive by Warsaw Pact forces. Instead, the Warsaw Pact might

Smaller self-contained tank units

Siĥanouk's peace initiative. Mr. Khien Samphan met Wednesday with the prince, who heads a rival guerrilla group. He said that Prince Sihanouk repeated charges that Khmer Rouge forces were attacking his guernilas even though the two sides had agreed to stop fighting among themselves.

Mr. Khieu Samphan also said that hell the two sides had agreed to stop fighting among themselves.

that Pol Pot, the former Khmer Rouge leader, had withdrawn from an active role in the guerrilla group. Regarding his meeting with Prince Sihanouk, Mr. Khieu Samphan said, "The prince told me it was time for a major effort to

achieve unity. He asked me to instruct my army to avoid all possible incidents. I agree completely be-cause such incidents can only benefit the enemy." "We are at a crossroad in the search for a solution," he said.

The meeting, in Fere-en-Tardenois, near Paris, signaled a change of policy by Mr. Khien Samphan. It was the first time the two men had met since Prince Sihanouk announced his peace initiative a year

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Prince Sihanouk, Mr. Khieu FERE-EN-TARDENOIS, Samphan and the prince's former France — Khieu Samphan, the prime minister, Son Sam, each Khmer Rouge leader, says he has head guernilla factions fighting the

Some observers say that Mr. Khieu Samphan and Prince Sihanouk have stopped arguing about who will hold power after Vietnamese forces withdraw. They say the two believe that a decision on that issue could be imposed at a summit meeting between the Soviet Union

Vietnam, under pressure from the Soviet Union, has promised to pull its troops out of Cambodia by 1990. But the Khmer Rouge's refusal to take part in peace talks has led to fears that it will try to undermine any agreement.

Prince Sihanouk has negotiated for a year with Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia to end the guerrilla war, which began in 1979 after Vietnam invaded Cambodia to overthrow the Khmer Rouge and set up a government

Mr. Khien Samphan, who had boycotted the negotiations, recent-ly said he would support further

Asked if he regularly consulted Pol Pot, who is widely held responsible for the deaths of a million Cambodians during the rule of the Communist Khmer Rouge in the 1970s, Mr. Khieu Samphan replied: "He has stepped back."

He said Pol Pot was in Cambodia but was not in regular contact with the leadership. The possibility of Pol Pot's return to power follow-ing Vietnam's withdrawal has hin-dered peace negotiations.

### Chile Party Left Without A Candidate

United Press International SANTIAGO — The last of three presidential candidates from the largest Chilean opposition party left the campaign Thursday amid charges of fraud within the party's ting process.

The resignation of Eduardo Frei from the race for the nomination of the Christian Democratic Party leaves the opposition without a presidential candidate for the election in 1989, the first such vote since the military took power in

Charges of fraud and mismanagement in an internal party election have been made by Mr. Frei and Gabriel Valdéz, a former minister who also has said he will quit the race. Mr. Valdez and Mr. Frei were reacting to statements by the president of the party, Patricio Ayl-win, who said Monday he would resign if the two others did.

The announcements were a blow to the opposition coalition, led by the Christian Democrats, which is trying to agree on a candidate for the election on Dec. 14 next year. The election was called after the military leader, General Angusto Pinochet, was defeated in a referen-

dum in October.

Voters rejected a request for a
new presidential term for General Pinochet, 73, who took power in the 1973 coup. Mr. Frei and Mr. Valdez said

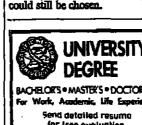
that there had been significant irregularities in the internal party voting to choose delegates to a national convention that will elect a

presidential candidate.

Heraldo Muñoz, a political scientist and leader of the opposition coalition of 17 political parties, said the crisis among the Christian Democrats had "a negative impact on the rest of the coalition." He called it a setback for many

"very urgent" opposition initia-tives, including a campaign to pres-sure General Pinochet to accept reforms of the 1980 constitution. But Mr. Muñoz, a leader of the moderate Socialist Party, said his party remained convinced that an

opposition candidate must run in the elections next year, and he said that any of the three who resigned





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### WORLD BRIEFS

### **AIDS Study of Heterosexuals Begins**

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) — Warning of a second wave of AIDS cases, doctors began a widespread study of drug-free heterosexuals. Thursday to determine why the usually low-risk group is showing rising susceptibility to the disease in the United States.

"Unfortunately, we see women and children as the newest wave of victims," said James Oleske, a researcher of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The spread to women and children is a trend that is probably going to continue into the next decade."

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said the

\$22.8 million, five-year study is being conducted among 2,000 hetmosexuals in Paterson, Newark and Jersey City, New Jersey, and Brooklyn,

### Sweden Holds Palme Murder Suspect

STOCKHOLM (AP) — A Swede with a long record of violent crime was remanded in custody Thursday on suspicion of killing Prime Minis-

The chief prosecutor, Anders Helin, filed the order at Stockholm District Court a day after the arrest of the 41-year-old suspect, whose name was withheld by the authorities. Prosecutors said that he had denied killing Mr. Palme.

The move means that the authorities may hold the suspect indefinitely for interrogation. Mr. Palme, a leader of the world disammament movement, was shot while walking home from a movie on Feb. 28, 1986.

### Czech Hard-Liner Resigns Party Post

PRAGUE (AP) — Vasil Bilak, a hard-liner reputed to have joined a call for the 1963 Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia, resigned Thursday from the Communist Party Politburo, the party leader, Milos Jakes, amounced. Another Politburo member, Josef Kempny, was also report-

ed to have resigned.

Mr. Bilak, 71, a party ideologist linked with the policies of Leonid I.

Brezhnev, was strongly believed to have been opposed to the sweeping economic reforms favored by former Prime Minister Lubomir Strongal,

who stepped down in October.

Mr. Bilak was an associate of a former party chief, Gustav Husak, who is now the figurehead president, and helped in the purge of about half a million party members following the Soviet invasion.

### Gandhi Moves to Lower Voting Age

NEW DELHI (NYT) - Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi pushed a constitutional amendment through the lower house of Parliament Thursday that would reduce the voting age for Indians from 21 years to 18

years.

Mr. Gandhi also pressed a law through the legislative body aimed at reforming the electoral system by seeking to curb intimidation and impersonation in elections, to impose to the constitution and to require political parties to swear allegiance to the constitution and register themselves with the Election Commission, which oversees voting. The constitutional change lowering the voting age must be approved by the upper house of Parliament and a majority of the 26 state legislatures, a process that is expected to be lengthy. While this was welcomed by opposition leaders, the move to reform the electoral system was attacked by critics of Mr. Gandhi who alleged that the legislation would not curb the use of vast illicit funds to finance elections.

#### For the Record

The third day of a wage strike paralyzed the main ports in Brazil on Thursday, the federal port authority said. Union spokesman at Santos. near São Paulo, said workers there voted Wednesday to continue the strike for at least 48 hours unless they received an acceptable wage increase. Workers in Rio de Janeiro and other ports also have voted continue the strike.

A wave of strikes swept Greece on Wednesday, when pulses workers, teachers and hospital employees walked out government's budget funding for next year.

### TRAVEL UPDATE

### 3 Small Bombs Set Off in Paris L

PARIS (AFP) — Three small parcel bombs exploded Thurder station of the Paris Métro, which has been disrupted by str. in mouth. There were no injuries.

The devices had been left in a corridor of the Miromesnil

Paris's eighth district. It was not known if the incident was c Four of the Metro's 13 lines were closed Thursday and were

to be out of service Friday. They were the No. 1, Pont de Vincennes; the No. 2, Nation-Dauphine; the No. 4, Porte d'C Porte de Clignancourt, and the No. 11, Châtelet-Marie des Lila other lines, No. 10 and No. 13, were offering partial service. The suburban express lines A and B were operating at 60 to 80 perc.

measures to combat increasingly worse smog in Mexico City. The was made in response to warnings by ecologists that many Mexico residents may die of smog-related ailments this winter. The meas included restrictions on driving, tougher vehicle emission standards inspections, an extension of the monthlong school vacation, which by Wednesday, by a month to cut down students' exposure, and bans burning certain types of contaminating wastes.

Japanese and American tourists and business people can visit ea other's countries for 90 days without a visa under a pilot program th. began Thursday. An official at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo said the Japanese travelers without visas would have to show U.S. immigration officers a nicket for a flight out of the United States and that there coulbe no extensions, or appeals if a traveler was turned back. The program will be reassessed in 1991.

The Soviet Union will soon allow Korean Air to send commercial jet through Soviet airspace and make refueling stops in Moscow, a Korea: newspaper reported Thursday. The newspaper Hankook Ilbo said that Cho Chung Kun, president of Korean Air, would visit Moscow this month to work out details of the agreement. The proposed agreement would save Korean Air flights two to four hours on routes to Paris and Frankfurt, the newspaper said.

nce workers and other employees were on strik! Air Gabon main Thursday for a second straight day, causing delays in some internations flights and cancellations of others by foreign airlines that normally stoj

in Libreville. The workers are protesting wage cuts.

(AFP)

A 24-hour strike by Brussels transport workers caused traffic chaos in the Belgian capital Thursday. No streetcars or underground trains were running, and only a few buses were in service.

### General Robert Urquhart, Arnhem Commander, Dies

LONDON - Major General Robert Urquhart, 87, the British commander at the battle of Arnhem in World War II, died Tuesday at Port of Menteith, Scotland. His family did not give a cause of death.

As commander of the First Airborne Division, General Urquhart was at the forefront of the battle in September 1944 to capture a bridge over the Rhine at Arnhem, the Netherlands. His troops hung on for nine days without relief after the division was surrounded, and all but 2,163 of 10,000 men died or

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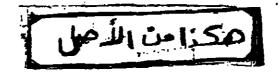
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Mr. Koch bellowed into the microsearch final the authorities may hold the search of the world declared a movie on he phone. "I have appointed more women to high positions than any mayor in history," he said, rattling off a list of names. lard-Liner Resigns Par

With the timing of a stand-up comedian, Mr. Koch then paused a beat, turned to the woman and said, "Apologize!"

By Howard Kurtz

Washington Past Service

The junior high school auditorium filled with applause.

Mr. Koch is in deep political

trouble, according to the polls and the pundits, as he prepares to run for a lourth term. But as the raucous meeting in the Queens neigh-borhood demonstrated, he has sharp elbows and the advantage of the incumbency. Nine months be- lion, is popular with Jewish voters fore the Democratic primary, no opponent has suited up.

A half-dozen potential challengers are circling, warily eyeing each other. Waiting in the wings is a Republican, Rudolph W. Giuliani, Almost certain to run is the city the U.S. attorney, who may have a clear shot at Mr. Koch in November if he stops procrastinating and

But because of the Byzantine nature of New York politics, the anti-pointees have been indicted or con-Koch forces will probably be un- victed.

By Susan Diesenhouse

New York Times Service

court's approval, the public schools

of Lowell, Massachusetts, are start-

ing one of the most far-reaching

programs of instruction and special

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the United States whose first lan-

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BOSTON - With a federal

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Defiant N.Y. Mayor

Shoots for 4th Term

His Rivals Sense He Is Vulnerable

Mr. Koch, 64, has worn out his NEW YORK - Mayor Edward welcome with many New Yorkers. From his attacks on the Reverend I. Koch was on his turf, fielding questions from middle-class home Jesse L. Jackson, which angered owners at a town meeting in the many blacks, to his incautious reborough of Queens, when a woman marks about the British occupation dared to ask why the dozen comof Ireland, to his declaration that missioners and deputies at his side people should not give beggars money, the mayor's outspokenness has proved his worst enemy.

The Democrat who might force most rivals to the sidelines is the city's senior black official, David N. Dinkins, the Manhattan borough president. A cautious, dignified man sometimes slow to speak out on controversial issues, Mr. Dinkins, 61, has managed to reassure many white voters without diminishing his base of support.

Other Democrats are testing their appeal. Andrew Stein, 43, the city council president, has shed an overly ambitious image, in part through investigations of city foul-ups and

Mr. Stein, whose latest fundraising event brought in \$1.2 miland has been courting Hulbert James, who was Mr. Jackson's New York campaign manager. But Mr.

comptroller, Harrison Goldin, 52,

a bitter foe of Mr. Koch, whom he

as bilingual education," said James

Association for Bilingual Educa-

tion, an advocacy group. "It seems

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Under the Lowell agreement:

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It must have roughly a 60-to-40

• The school district must try to

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Last Friday a federal court here of school since 1986, when turmoil

approved the plan as part of a set- overtook a system unable to absorb

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Mr. Goldin, too, has a few weak says Mr. Koch's approach to the spots. His auditors never uncov- crime and drug problems has been

Mayor Koch: 'You want to go back to the old days?'

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ered contracting scandals he now criticizes. Also, he has been investi-When the mayor's potential challengers decry the declining gated several times, most recently for having helped Ivan F. Boesky, a quality of life here, Mr. Koch has a speculator convicted of insider simple rejoinder: Things are better trading, to raise investment funds. now than when he took office in 1978. He is comparing the city's current financial situation with the Mr. Goldin, who was cleared of wrongdoing, said he had merely crisis of that era, since the improvement provides a better benchmark Also considering the race are for his tenure than the issues of Ruth W. Messinger, 48, a liberal city council member from the Updrugs, crime, homelessness, poor schools and problematic subways. West Side; Richard Ravitch,

Should anyone try to drown out Mr. Koch's upbeat message, as happened toward the end of the Queens town meeting, he simply raises his voice.

"This city is prosperous!" he shouted at his audience. "We have the lowest unemployment rate in 17 years!" He added, "You want to emerge as an unexpected force. He go back to the old days?

Bilingual Teaching: U.S. City to Redress Wrongs "This plan is on the cutting edge white-to-minority ratio, as required and will advance what we think of by a state desegregation plan. Committee will be set up to oversee the new plan. The district will hire more administrators, teachers, • Parents who speak little or no

guidance counselors and other spe-

cialists for the program.

tices in their native language and will have interpreters available at The federal court will monitor the plan, whose cost is estimated to school board meetings and student be \$159,000 for this school year. The suit was filed after the city • Counselors and tutors will be

schools, pressed for space, put on call to help students who leave many pupils who did not speak the bilingual program.

Lowell's schools have 13,600 stu-English into makeshift space like a former boiler room and a dents. About 42 percent, or 5,691, former ladies' room. Classes were are from minority groups, mostly often large and the age span of Cambodians, Laotians or children students great.

of Hispanic heritage. About 2,900 are in the bilingual program. In 1980, 17 percent of the system's 'The entire bilingual program students were from minority said. The new plan will help the entire city, he said, adding, "If the groups, with 454 pupils getting bi-A new arm of the Lowell School majority will suffer too.

### Corruption **Inquiry Into** N.Y. Schools

NEW YORK - Mayor Edward I. Koch, saying he now believes corruption is almost certainly rampant throughout the New York City school system, has called on Governor Mario M. Cuomo to crepanel similar to the Knapp Commission, which exposed widespread corruption in the city's police department in the early 1970s.

Mr. Koch asked the governor to form the panel under the Moreland Act, a state law passed in 1907 that has been used to highlight abuses in the nursing home industry, liquor licensing and other areas.

Although the governor has not yet responded to the mayor, he is certain to come under considerable pressure to accede to the request.

In a letter Wednesday to Mr. Cuomo, the mayor suggested that if his request was declined, he would consider establishing a panel him-self and seeking subpoena powers from the city council, as was done for the Knapp Commission.

best-known of the investigations of the Reagan administration, into city institutions, having elicit- which they said had increased hoed riveting public testimony from melessness, cut aid and health care police officers about systematic to the poor and otherwise hurt

An aide to the mayor said Mr. Koch had been contemplating for a corruption on some of the 32 local school boards.

The aide said the arrest Tuesday night of a Bronx elementary school teacher on charges of heroin and cocaine possession spurred Mr. Koch to action.

The office of the inspector general of the New York board of education contended in a report last week that the superintendent and some officials of Community Board 4 in East Harlem used school funds to maintain a secret bank account. From it they paid personal expenses, including the cost of parties, food, liquor, jewelry and loans to favored employees, some of which were not repaid.

#### Vatican Payroll Is Stolen

The Associated Press VATICAN CITY - Two youths was under attack and should have on motorbikes blocked a Vatican been," Mayor Richard P. Howe car near St. Peter's Square on Thursday, smashed a window and made off with a payroll of nearly minority kids are floundering, the \$300,000 in cash and checks, the

### Koch Seeks For U.S. Blacks, Shorter Lives: Study Shows Life Expectancy Fell for 2d Straight Year

By Philip J. Hilts Weshington Post Service
WASHINGTON — For the first

time this century, the life expectant that life expectancy for any race cy of blacks in the United States has declined two years in a row, has declined in two successive and the only time this century that vears, while that for whites has continued to increase, the National dropped while the figure for whites Center for Health Statistics has re- has risen.

"This is serious," said Harry Ro-senberg, chief of the mortality sta-tistics branch at the center. "If you ate an independent investigative are looking for the big factors, they are homicides and accidents."

Recently there has been "a tremendous increase in homicides among both young whites and blacks," he added. But it has hit blacks harder, with a 15-percent increase in homicides among blacks for 1985 and 1986, compared with a 5-percent increase among whites.

Motor vehicle accidents also affected the two populations differently in those years, with an 8percent increase in deaths among blacks and a 4-percent rise among

Deaths from AIDS as well as some other infectious diseases, such as pneumonia and tuberculosis, also increased disproportionately among blacks in recent years.

Some officials attributed part of That commission remains the the problem to economic policies blacks disproportionately.

Dr. Arthur H. Hovte, former commissioner of public health for few days how to respond to the the District of Columbia and now a reasingly vociferous allegations professor at Georgetown University Medical Center, said that the decline in life expectancy was really something that might be reflective" of the policies instituted by the administration.

"One would think it would get worse," he added. "There is a disproportionate number of blacks

who are poor and who are sub- care for black America. There are a stance abusers."

It was the first time since 1962 gone unchecked in the black comin the death rate."

The usual pattern is that when one drops, the other drops as well. This is because the usual reason for a decrease is a major outbreak of

fatal disease that strikes both races. This is a tremendously significant turnsround in the trend of overall health improvement for the country," said Ed Pitt, director of health for the National Urban League. "There's a crisis in health in 1985, then to 69.4 in 1986.

number of conditions that have munity that are causing an increase

Life expectancy is a statistical calculation of how long the average. person may expect to live. It has been increasing steadily since such statistics were first compiled. For example, life expectancy in the United States in 1900 was 47.6

By 1984, the number rose to 75.3 years for whites and 69.7 years for blacks. Through 1985 and 1986, the numbers for whites continued to. increase, to 75.4 years. But for blacks the number slipped to 69.5

years for whites and 33 years for

### Conservatives Urge Bush To Take Lead on Homeless

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - With President-elect George Bush preparing to take office in the dead of winter, several conservatives have urged him to make homelessness an immediate priority.

The Heritage Foundation, a con-servative research center, held its first panel on the homeless Wednesday, demonstrating growing public concern about the issue.

"The leadership has got to come from the top," said Stuart M. Butler, the foundation's director of domestic policy studies.

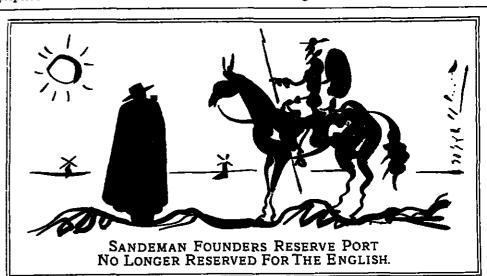
After accusing news organizations and liberal Democrats of inflating the issue with "rhetoric" and "emotion," Anna Kondratas, administrator for food and nutrition at the Department of Agriculture, called homelessness a serious problem and said that Mr. Bush should take the lead in tackling it.

No one knows how many homeless there are. Estimates range from

While President Ronald Reagan has rarely mentioned homeless-ness, Mr. Bush emphasized his concern this year. Still, he has said little about how he would address the problem. Asked for specifics at a news conference Wednesday, Mr. Bush gave none. "It is a national shame," he said, "and I'd like to feel we would address it with sensi-

tivity and the needed compassion." One speaker at the panel suggested chiminating rent control to ease the homeless problem.

E. Fuller Torrey, a Washington psychiatrist who has written extensively about the homeless, described U.S. policies on the homeless as "a man-made disaster." He estimated that one-third of the homeless were mentally ill and



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### **But Apartheid Continues**

After years of false starts, the Reagan administration has achieved a diplomatic triumph in southern Africa. Angola, Cuba and South Africa have at last negotiated an agreement providing independence for Namibia and a phased withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

The agreement is a tribute to the skill and endurance of a persistent diplomat, Chester Crocker, who exploited policy shifts in Moscow and Pretoria to bring a settlement home. He deserves to take a bow when the treaty is ceremonially signed in New York next week.

The larger problem, however, is far from solution: South Africa's racial repression. It may even be worse than when Mr. Crocker began his long crusade for "constructive engagement" in 1981. That strategy has failed to promote political rights for South Africa's huse rebellious black majority: after seven years, South African moderates

of all races are weaker than ever. Mr. Crocker came to his job as assistant secretary of state after he caught the Reagan team's attention with a 1980 article in Foreign Affairs in which he argued for constructive engagement - more coaxing and less confrontation in dealing with Pretoria's white rulers. His hope, repeatedly dashed in the intervening years, was that Pretoria would respond in kind with internal reforms.

He also predicted that South Africa would shortly abandon its illegal rule in Namibia,

or South-West Africa. Pretoria's mandate to rule the former German colony was revoked by the United Nations in 1966. But it had long refused to free a territory it feared would become a hostile revolutionary base. Mr. Crocker's strategy was to link Na-

mibian freedom to the departure of Cuban troops that had defended Angola's leftist regime since 1975. Angola rebuffed formal linkage and the war became bloodier. South African forces repeatedly invaded and Washington joined with Pretoria to arm Jonas Savimbi's rebel army in Angola.

What apparently broke the deadlock was pressure a year ago from the Soviet Union, which was no longer willing to underwrite indefinite war. The same weariness was felt in Pretoria, especially after heavy casualties inflicted by Cuban and Angolan offensives --- which in turn gave Fidel Castro a pretext for retreat.

Perversely, South Africa has shown no inclination to deal in the same spirit with its own black majority. Indeed, in pulling its army southward from Namibia, Pretoria now fears an outcry from white hard-liners

 and engages in a continuing crackdown on blacks seeking political rights.

It takes nothing from Mr. Crocker's achievement to note its limits. The Reagan administration has failed to alleviate the poisons of apartheid. The need to try weighs ever more heavily on President-elect Bush.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### Implacable Budget Math

Under current law and policy, the U.S. budget next fiscal year is likely to be about \$1,150 billion. About \$300 billion of this will be in defense, \$250 billion in Social Security and \$150 billion in interest on the debt. Assume none of these is cut — the interest payments cannot be - and there is no tax increase. That leaves about \$450 billion from which to find the savings required to wipe out a \$150 billion deficit over the next four years. Even if the business cycle stays on hold (which would require the country to go longer between recessions than any time in 150 years) and part of the deficit is reduced through economic growth, this rest-of-government would have to be sliced up in a way the campaign slogan of "flexi-ble freeze" did not begin to make clear. How easy might that be to do? Not very.

These are important social programs that in many cases should not be cut much. About 30 percent of this residual budget, for example, goes to health care, mainly through Medicare for the elderly and disabled, Medicaid for the poor. Medicare payments to hospitals and doctors have already been subject to great constraint in the Reagan years. The payments to doctors can be cut some more without doing harm, but there is a limit to what can still be had from this program, while Medicaid spending should be in-creased (President-elect Bush himself proposed a modest increase in the campaign).

A further 20 percent of the residual budget is made up of other major programs for the poor: food stamps, welfare, housing subsidies, unemployment compensation. These, too, are unassailable, or ought to be. A further 10 percent is taken up in payments to civil service and military retirees. Congress has moved to tighten up both retirement systems in the last few years, and such payments cannot be quickly reduced in any case.

That leaves about \$180 billion, made up

mostly of such staples of the federal system as veterans' benefits, student aid, farm supports, aid to education, highway grants, all other aid to state and local governments (a dwindling amount), the air traffic control

program and the space program.

The point is not that these cannot be cut. They can. But it is harder than the conservative portraitists of government make it out to be; there is less to be squeezed from the spending stone. We share Mr. Bush's view that defense ought not be cut in real terms just now. We also share his view that Social Security ought not be cut directly (though we would extract some billions from the system indirectly, by subjecting a larger share of benefits than now to the income tax, the proceeds to go to the general fund). We would also willingly put limits on Medicare physicians' fees, reduce farm income and price supports, increase the means-testing of veterans' programs, hold the manned space station in abeyance for the next few years, crack down on college student loan defaults and do away with any number of familiar lesser programs. We can, for example, easily imagine a federal government without a Small Business Administration or an Economic Development Administration or an Appalachian Regional Commission.

But their importance is more political than fiscal. And having cut them, having done all this, which we suspect is a good deal more than most of those who will take the oaths of office next month are disposed to do, we still would not have balanced the budget, much less moved it into the strong surplus which should be the next administration's goal. Nor, just as important, would we have addressed the social deficit that also confronts the country. The budget math is implacable: there needs to be a major tax increase.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

### A Lonely Death in Rio

A 23-year-old Brazilian woman showed up at a Rio de Janeiro public hospital recently bleeding from a perforated uterus. Like many Latin American women, she had undergone a clandestine abortion. She died 24 hours later, of a massive infection.

The anecdote, reported from Brazil by Marlise Simons of The Times, highlights the global scandal of abortion-related deaths. Between 10 million and 12 million women all over the world are, like that young Brazilian, condemned to childbearing because they have no means of preventing conception. Some 200,000 are destined to die of unsafe abortion.

Until 1984 the United States was a leader in international efforts to help those millions. It is a leadership position that the Bush administration would be wise, as well as humane, to restore.

At the 1984 World Population Conference in Mexico City, the United States announced that it would try to end aid to any agencies that so much as mentioned abortion. Population experts protested subordinating poor

countries' population control to U.S. abortion politics. American representatives replied with fanciful assertions that unchecked population growth promoted progress. The parched lives of women in poor countries were scarcely mentioned.

The U.S. Agency for International Development followed up by cutting aid to agencies like International Planned Parentbood. As a result, more than 800 programs in about 80 countries have suffered.

When George Bush takes office, he could do the world a favor by rescinding the policy enunciated in Mexico City. If the plight of victims like that young Brazilian woman does not move him, these words from another Republican president might: "Governments must act and private citizens

cooperate urgently through voluntary means to secure this right [birth control] for all peo-ple," Dwight Eisenhower said. "Failure would limit the expectations of future generations to abject poverty and suffering and bring down upon us history's condemnation."

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### Other Comment

### González Loses a Battle

The general strike that paralyzed Spain yesterday was a political trial of strength with the prime minister, Señor Felipe González. He has not emerged unscathed. An estimated 7.8 million people, half the work force, responded to what had become a popular vote of confidence in [his] Socialist Workers Party. The government had, on the face of it, all the good arguments. Everybody agrees that special measures are needed to find young people jobs. Nicholas Redondo, the fiery leader of the socialist union, appeared to have picked weak ground on which to bring his simmering

quarrel with his old friend Señor González to a head. Señor González staked his prestige on a low turnout, inviting Spaniards to choose between being Europeans and Latin Americans. No European country, he said, had had a general strike in 20 years; Argentina had suffered 13 in the last five. To strike would be to show political immatu-nity. In retrospect, Señor Gonzalez would seem to have chosen an unsuitable style for the right message. The strike is a salutory reminder to Senor González that politicians are fallible. But it will be a setback for the country if he loses the war as well as this round of the battle.

- The Times (London).

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### **OPINION**

### Arafat's Three Yeses, And What Comes Now

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — In the end, America's unrelenting pressure paid off: "We totally and absolutely re-

nounce all forms of terrorism," read Yasser Arafat, "including individual, group and state terror-ism ... We want peace."

Ducking and dodging and waf-fling did not work. For 13 years, the United States has required "the three yeses": (1) the renunciation of terror-ism in unambiguous terms, as in the sentence above, and not bracketed by weakening allusions; (2) the embrace of United Nations Resolution 242, without tucking it into other UN resolutions that denounced Zionism as racism and vitiated its effect, and (3) the unequivocal recogni-

tion of Israel's right to exist.

For weeks the Palestine Liberation
Organization leader has been trying to entice the departing Reagan ad-ministration into talks with half-concessions and phony "yeses."
Secretary of State George Shultz

was having none of that. Others, from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to a group of dovish Jewish Americans, read the murky Arafat tea leaves and saw what they wanted to see, but the Reagan administration, to its credit and credibility, de-

manded straight answers.

I think the key in forcing the PLO leader to act was the denial of his visa to the United States. That action brought almost universal denunciation upon Mr. Shultz's head, but it carried more weight than any form of cajoling or persuasion.

The visa denial said, in no uncertain terms, that Mr. Arafat could gain the support of the rest of the world with his evasions and ambigu-ities, but that the United States — at least in this administration — would keep its word with the Israelis.

Henry Kissinger, 13 years ago, agreed to remain aloof from the PLO until the yeses were met, and the Israelis paid for U.S. support with major concessions of their own. During the Carter years, Andrew Young the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, broke the agreement and the U.S. government reaffirmed it by picking up the errant delegate's resignation. The anti-U.S. decision to receive

Mr. Arafat in Geneva satisfied Arab and Third World diplomats, but delivered no goods to the PLO; and the thunderous applause at the appearance of the PLO leader, even before he spoke, meant nothing, because it underscored the U.S. determination to stick to its agreement. On the very day that Mr. Arafat broke (or saw the light), President-

elect Bush was reiterating the need

for the unequivocal three yeses. That proves there is something to be said for American consistency. Two questions arise. Can Mr. Arafat be trusted? We can presume that if any terrorist acts are taken against Israelis, he will disown them and blame them on factions over which he has no control. That may be true, but he cannot be allowed to talk and terrorize; he has to be able to deliver his organization.

He's got Teflon, too.

Does this mean that the United States will now put the heat on the Israeli government to deal directly with the PLO? Not yet, implied Mr. Shultz, who was walking on eggs during his announcement

Of course it does. Mr. Arafat knew that the key to pressuring Is-rael to giving up most of the West Bank was the United States, and the key to American Jewry and other supporters of Israel in the United States was an individual named George Shultz. We may disagree with George on tactics, but nobody doubts his integrity and dedication to the security of America's democratic ally in the Middle East.

But it took a long, long time for the Arab world to reach this point, which is still a long, long way from the solution. We must not expect Israel to roll over, hand over Jerusalem and permit the establishment of a Soviet client at its throat.

Early in the new year, Israel's major parties should form a coalition government, perhaps with the Likud's Yitzhak Shamir and Moshe Arens as prime minister and foreign secretary, and with Labor's Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres as defense and finance ministers. These men should designate a commission to recommend a reform of elections to avert the tyranny of the minority. At that time, Israelis can vote again to choose a government to chart a direction for the territories.

This breakthrough comes as a result of a certain steadiness and years of patience; Americans should not now tolerate a heavy hand on the Israelis to act precipitately. Their lives are at stake. When the United States and Israel have their new governments in place — and not before — we will see what the next step should be.

### This Skeptical Israeli Favors Talks With the PLO

W ASHINGTON — As an Israeli, I find it difficult to believe Yasser Arafat. Even his speech before the United Nations General Assembly in Geneva did not allay my fear. The PLO chairman leaves a suspect trail in his wake, in the view even of moderate Israelis. This can be explained by the accumulated experience of Israelis with the Palestinian leadership, especially with Mr. Arafat, starting with its absolute rejection of the UN resolution of 1947 to establish a Jewish state and an Arab state, and ending in

acts of terror in synagogues throughout Europe. Yet I believe that the time has come for Israel to begin negotiations, which would occur in stages and in which Mr. Arafat and the Palestine Liberation Organization would have to prove their good faith at each stage (bearing in mind that the PLO signed tens of cease-fire agreements with the Christians in the Lebanese civil war and that not one of these agreements was kept for

long). The burden of proof is on the PLO.

It is correct to say that the insistent position of the United States and its conditions for talking with the PLO eventually prompted Mr. Arafat to move forward, along with pressure from the residents of the territories, who have a better understanding of reality than the PLO leaders abroad.

Negotiations should begin now, since it seems unlikely that Israel will maintain a long-term presence in Nablus or the Gaza Strip. It is preferable that Israel negotiate from a position of

By Ze'ev Schiff

strength, and in full coordination with the United States. These factors currently exist, and I am not sure that they will be present in the future. Those opposing negotiations with the PLO at any cost will claim that Mr. Arafat did not dispel the PLO's typical vagueness in his Geneva speech.

It is nonetheless necessary to begin contacts.

Official Israel, however, is still unwilling to hold such contacts. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will argue that U.S. conditions for talking to the PLO are not his conditions. Hence, though the PLO now accepts the U.S. conditions, it will make no difference to Mr. Shamir -all the more so since Mr. Shamir is prepared to offer the Palestinians a more attractive autonomy plan than that offered by Menachem Begin in the framework of the Camp David accords.

And Mr. Shamir is demanding a detailed time-table for the establishment of 40 new settlements in the territories in negotiations being conducted with the Labor Party on a national unity government. Shimon Peres's position is different. A por-tion of his Labor Party is willing to negotiate with the Palestinians, though it still expects King Hussein to produce acceptable Palestinian negotiating partners, and Mr. Peres remains unwilling to accept the PLO leadership abroad.

Will 1989 be a year of negotiations between

Israel and the PLO? It does not appear so. As announced Wednesday, there is to be a dialogue between Washington and the PLO — indeed, a first contact was made Thursday. This dialogue will not bring salvation to the Palestinians, for the United States faces the problem posed by President-elect Bush's commitment not to sup-port the establishment of a Palestinian state.

An American-PLO dialogue will not constitute negotiations to establish a Palestinian state. In any case, the PLO must negotiate with Israel and not with Washington. A U.S.-PLO dialogue can only facilitate negotiations, not supplant them.

I see the next stage taking place in the territo-nies. Israel must agree to general and municipal elections in the West Bank and the Gazz Strip. In these elections a new class of leaders will arise who will be extremist in the view of many Israelis, but pragmatic. There is no doubt that this leadership will call itself the leadership of the PLO. It will not be able to speak on behalf of the Palestinian

The writer, defense editor for the Israeli daily comment to the Los Angeles Times.

#### leadership abroad, though it will represent the Palestinian residents in the territories. Israeli perception will identify these leaders with the PLO, but it will be easier to hold contacts and discussions with them concerning what is to come next.

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### Gorbachev Brought New Delhi a Dose of Hard Reality

By S. Nihal Singh

N EW DELHI — Delhi is still reverberating from Mikhail Gorbachev's hurricane visit last month. In only a few days, he nudged the Indian-Soviet relationship out of

its comfortable assumptions. The message the Soviet leader brought was simple: New forces have been unleashed by his domestic and foreign agenda, and they require a more businesslike, pragmatic relation-ship in which sentiment and ideology play little role. To underscore that, he refrained from meeting with delegates of the Indian Communist parties.

Moscow also seems to want to insulate its links with New Delhi from the inevitable fallout of a projected Chinese-Soviet summit meeting. While Mr. Gorbachev encouraged

an Indian rapprochement with China which he knew would come only slowly and painfully — he brought a whopping 3.2 billion ruble (\$5.3 bil-

N EW DELHI — Rajiv Gandhi's visit to China on Monday will

be more than just another foreign

jaunt by an Indian prime minister who has already visited more than 40

countries since taking office in 1984. It is a bold attempt by the leader of

the world's most populous democra-

cy to fashion a rapprochement with the leaders of the world's most popu-

lous country. The four-day trip opens

up possibilities for major political

and economic realignments in Asia.

impact on the United States and the

Soviet Union at a time when their

own domestic and international pri-

ther, Jawaharial Nehru, who jour-neyed to the Middle Kingdom in 1954. Less than a decade lazer, the two

neighbors went to war over a border

wasteland. Chinese soldiers routed the

poorly armed, ill-clad Indian troops.

Nehru felt devastated. He had never

imagined that Beijing would subject

there has been little trade, and con-

siderable acrimony, between the two

countries. India has insisted that the

Chinese return the border territory;

the Chinese have declined. Thus the

offers an opportunity to offset mounting domestic criticism about

For Mr. Gandhi, the China visit

Since the 1962 border conflict,

him to such humiliation.

impasse has continued.

orities are being reordered. The last Indian prime minister to visit China was Mr. Gandhi's grandfa-

It could, in turn, have significant

lion) credit to underline the impor-tance Moscow continues to attach to and it is a traumatic experience. tance Moscow continues to attach to its relationship with India. In the pro-

cess, he succeeded in overcoming India's skepticism and persuaded it to buy Soviet-built nuclear power plants. The political consequences of the Gorbachev agenda shake the central pillar of Indian foreign policy. New Delhi has long seen its link with Mos-

cow as a psychological prop in dealing with the world. The withdrawal of this prop, even partially, is likely to haunt Indian policymakers.

Mr. Gorbachev tried to soften the blow by referring specifically to the Indian-Soviet friendship treaty, with its obvious security connotations,

and speaking of the "inviolability" of Indian frontiers. But Indian policymakers remain unconsoled - their long-held assumptions about the

defense scandals and his largely lack-

luster performance in office. Even if progress on the border dispute eludes

him, as seems likely, he surely will

return home with a stack of trade and

cultural codicils under his arm. This

would give him a political boost just as national and local elections are

Why would Beijing want to oblige Mr. Gandh? It might see in New

Delhi a possible interlocutor in its

dealings with Moscow, India's politi-

cal and military patron. With Mikhail

Gorbachev expected to visit Beijing next year, a more cooperative "Indian

connection" could be useful to Beijing.

This, in turn, could ease the Chinese

threat to Indian security.
The main purpose of Gandhi's trip

is to position India appropriately to take full advantage of the emerging

equation of power globally and in the region," said Maya Kulkarni Chadda,

a political science professor at William Paterson College in New Jersey and an

Mr. Gandhi, the professor added, will seek to delink, "at least diplo-matically, the border dispute from

overall improvement in relations with

China. Gandhi is moving away from

India's earlier rigid position that characterized China as an aggressor."

needs to stake fresh claims in the

Asia that will emerge once Soviet troops are out of Afghanistan. After

the 1962 India-China war, Moscow

Mr. Gandhi recognizes that India

authority on the subcontinent.

expected to be announced.

Gandhi's Beijing Visit Offers

Great Opportunity for Change

By Sailesh Kottary

Yet the Gorbachev revolution and its consequences for India may prod New Delhi to fashion a more adult foreign policy. The relationship with Moscow, particularly in trade and defense matters, will remain important. But the divergences between the two countries' interests are likely to grow.

The Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan has been the most serious conflict of interest between New Delhi and Moscow, though India reframed from criticizing the Soviet Union pub-licly, and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi succeeded in insulating the issue from bilateral ties with Moscow.

India had little option but to do so. given Indian-Pakistani animosities. But New Delhi continues to live with the consequences of the Soviet misad-



helped India temper the Chinese challenge by providing vast military assistance. New Delhi now fears that a Soviet-Pakistan rapprochement,

made possible by the pullout from Afghanistan, might undercut India's relations with the Kremlin. Mr. Gorbachev apparently assured Mr. Gandhi during his visit to New Delhi last mouth that Moscow's improved ties with Pakistan and China would not come at India's expense. But no matter what Mr. Gorbachev says, Mr. Gandhi's advisers believe

India must seek stronger ties with two neighbors that have forged an alliance against India — Pakistan and China. Thus, Mr. Gandhi's trip to China. Similarly, when Mr. Gandhi travels to Pakistan late this month, he is expected to discuss with Prime Minister

Benazir Bhutto ways by which their various disputes can be resolved through diplomacy rather than force.
If Mr. Gandhi enjoys even mild success in any of these moves, he seems sure to emerge as a peacemaker.

The writer is a senior editor of The Times of India. He contributed this to the International Herald Tribune. the strengthened military relationship between Islamabad and Washington. The Soviet search for a reordered

relationship in Asia and the Pacific, with China as its centerpiece, gives New Delhi the freedom to explore new foreign policy options. It must show its seriousness in seeking a new relationship with Beijing. New Delhi's other options lie in

improving relations with its neighbors and with the United States. U.S.-Indian relations are improving. The Americans seem to be trying to separate their relations with Pakistan from the wider role they accept for India in the region. But U.S. pressure on India to allow international inspection of its nuclear facilities will continue to haunt bilateral relations.

Among the neighbors, improving relations with Pakistan is a priority. The new civilian leadership there provides an opportunity for India. But for the foreseeable future, the army will remain the arbiter of Pakistan's destiny.

The relationship with Moscow, of course, will always be important. As Jawaharlal Nehru said, the Soviet

Union is the superpower on India's doorstep. And the trade and arms relationship has benefited both sides. But the Gorbachev visit marks the end of one phase of the relationship. Indians are a sentimental people. They should be grateful that Mr. Gorbachev came to remind them of reality.

International Herald Tribune.

# Philippines: She Fears for The Tangle And So Har But So Har Is Growing

By James Chace

N EW YORK — The guerrilla war in the Philippines threatens the stability of the government and poses' a threat to the U.S. military installations that could yet provoke sir

American military response.
The Communist-led New People's
Army now numbers about 25,000 and while it is not winning the war, it is not losing it either. To equip the armed forces of the Philippines, President Corazon Aquino proposes to spend 10 percent of the budget in 1989, a 43-percent increase over the previous year. Not only does this

Economic disaster is nurturing insurgency.

strengthen the influence and power of the military but it drains the deeply troubled Philippine economy. that was probably the richest in Asia after Japan has become as poor as Indonesia. Neither democracy nor economic progress is served by the mounting costs of poor planning a landless peasantry and a rich oligar-chy. In a country of 56 million, roughly 60 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, which is officially set at \$120 a month for a family of six. Corruption — so-called crony capitalism — an underdeveloped agricultural sector, a poor-export-oriented industrial base and a crushing debt burden, all contribute to the economic disaster that nurtures the insurgency. Total foreign debt approaches \$30 billion. In the budget for 1989, no less than 44 percent of spending has been set aside for debt servicing. While there is talk of a new "Mar-

shall Plan" for the Philippines that could total \$5 billion to \$10 billion in U.S. aid and contributions by Japan, other Asian nations and West European countries, economic aid is no solution. There is little assurance that it would not find its way into external bank accounts and prove a windfall for the corrupt crony capitalists.

Instead, a substantial portion of the external debt must be written off by the lenders; a genuine land reform program must be gotten under way; and the infrastructure of the country must be upgraded. The starting points of internal development must be farming and the expansion of the domestic market. Rather than emphasizing ex-ports and seeking to compete with the South Koreas and Taiwans in the foreign marketplace, domestic needs should shape trading patterns. Can the United States cure comp-

tion and make the Philippines safe for democracy? Surely it cannot. But neither can the United States ignore the fate of the islands that it conquered and ruled for half a century. The Communist insurgents could easily stage a provocation that would engage U.S. military forces.
The Soviet Union is seeking to re-

pair its ties with mainland China. Un-, der these circumstances the mismanagement of U.S. diplomacy in the ies coulia dose an even eta risk for American diplomacy toward the other powers of the region.

Mrs. Aquino is under great pressure. There have been a number of attempted coups against her govern-ment. Her own vice president, Salvador Laurel, stated in August 1988 that she should step down because of the incompetence of her administration. Any return to authoritarianism would surely strengthen the Communist insurgency, and the risk of U.S. military

involvement would grow.

Should this happen, the new Soviet.
diplomacy in Asia, calling for a reduction of navies in the Pacific. Ocean, the reduction of armed forces and conventional arms in Asia and "confidence-building measures" for the security of the Pacific sea-lanes, would likely put the United States on the diplomatic defensive. Washington might well find itself stripped of the agility to explore these Soviet initiatives to the fullest and to set forth its own proposals that could lead to an overall reduction of military and naval forces in the region.

A growing Communist insurgency that might lead to direct U.S. military. intervention, accompanied by the collapse of Philippine democracy, could produce consequences in the United States that would most certainly distort the foreign policy agenda of the next administration.

The writer, director of the Program on international Affairs and the Media at Columbia University's School of Interna-tional and Public Affairs, is writing a study of U.S. policy toward Asia. This is from a longer article in Foreign Affairs.

### 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Stanley Imperiled? WESTMINSTER - The skeleton at the feast is with us, and means to stay. doubt tht the news communicated by Osman Digma is substantially correct, and that Emin Bey and Mr. Stanley are, or were, in the hands of the Mahdi at Khartoum. No other explanation can be given of the fact than that the Khedive's letter to Emin Bey, sent through Mr. Stanley, is in the hands of the Mahdi. It has therefore been taken either from him or from Emin Bey. Both may still be alive, or they may have shared the fate of Gordon.

1913: 'Dictator' Villa

NEW YORK — A telegram from El Paso states that from the accounts of American, German and Spanish refu-gees, Pancho Villa is virtually dictator of Chihuahua. He has seized \$5,000,000 worth of property of for-eigners. He has executed twenty case in the hands of a lawyer.

Mexican civilians, and has commanded the foreign Consuls to obey the rebel orders. General Villa has further informed merchants of all na-Once more it comes from the banks of tionalities that they must pay large the River Nile. There is little room for sums in support of the rebels.

1938: Hobo King to Sue PARIS - The "King of the Thune,"

unofficial but undisputed chief of Paris's 18,000 hobos, or "clochards," is planning to soe Michel Simon, the French film star, for libel, he told Paris reporters yesterday [Dec. 15]. The clo-chards object to M. Simon's creation of the rôle of Clo-Clo in the picture "Belle Etoile," Back when the film was still in production, M. Simon made several unilattering remarks about the "cloche," as the fraternity is called, accusing them of being a lot of "I don't know what sort of public malefactors and incorrigible parasites," the king alleges. He also observed that Clo-Clo's costume was not genuing clochard apparel. He has placed his

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**OPINION** 

Dust, for a start, is an inescapable fact

Dust is also responsible for many al-

luring modifications of sunlight. With-

out it, we would have no twilight, no

blue skies and no gorgeous sunsets.

In a sense, the world can be described as a colossal dust bowl. Fluttering bird

and insect wings keep much of it circulat-

ing. Animals like chinchillas bathe in dust

when there is no water around.

Depite the pleasing atmospheric ef-

fects that dust creates, the conventional

wisdom that it is a blight is also correct.
Thus, Napoleon's soldiers crossing Eu-

rope for the Battle of Austerlitz were

ordered to suck straws to keep the dust

out of their throats; coal miners in the north of England would use such confec-tions as Uncle Joe's Mint-Balls.

Volcanic dust is particularly nasty.

When the Indonesian island of Krakatoa

erupted just over a century ago, the dust girdled the Earth three and a quarter

times and produced darkness for 150 miles (240 kilometers) around.

The dust of Krakatoa has been metic-

mmer on the Scottish islands of Shet-

ulously documented. Less well known is

the layer of volcanic dust unearthed last

land and South Uist. The volcano re-

sponsible, it turns out, was Mount Hekla

in Iceland, which erupted in 1150 B.C., spewing an estimated 12 cubic kilome-

ters of dust into the stratosphere, proba-

bly inspiring complaints about the weather all over the British Isles.

To sum up the basic situation, "All

of nature that we would miss if it were

not around. The gas clouds from which

stars are born are thick with dust.

By Janues Chao EWYORK—The month in the philippines three to the covernment and the C.S. military less than the covernment and the community less than the covernments about the covernments are covernments. The Communist-led New hard and the name of Economic disaster is

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### \* She Fears for Her Daughter And So Has Gone to Prison

By Anthony Lewis

past 16 months she has been a prisoner in the District of Columbia jail.

Dr. Morgan has not been convicted of any crime. She is in jail for civil contempt of a court order that she turn her daughter, Hilary, now 6, over to her exhusband for unsupervised visits.

She refused to obey that order, and

still refuses, because she believes that her ex-husband sexually assaulted their child. In August 1987, rather than comply, Dr. Morgan sent Hilary away to a person and place unknown.

That is a bare introduction to a case of extraordinary dimensions, legal and human. At a hearing in the District of Columbia Superior Court I found myself disturbed as I seldom have been

by a legal proceeding.

Dr. Morgan took the witness stand.

Her lawyer, Stephen Sachs, the former attorney general of Maryland, asked her to describe her present circumstances. She said she shared a 6-by-11-foot (1.8by-3.3-meter) cell with another prisoner.

"You conduct all of daily living in public," she said, with showers and toiiet open to view. "There is rock music 16 hours a day. It is a depressing, confining, 200-like existence.

But she has adjusted to it, Dr. Morgan said. And life was actually much easier

"with my daughter safe."

"She begged me to hide her, so her father could not find her. . . . She understood that it might be for a short time, and it might be until she grew up."
Her ex-husband, Eric Foretich, a dental surgeon, was in court. As Dr. Morgan

testified, he occasionally made circles with his forelinger at his head to suggest that she was crazy. His lawyer, John Lenahan, cross-examined. "Where is Hilary?"

"I am not going to answer that ques-

The 'Iron Triangle'

T HE old sheriff, as Ronald Reagan has described himself, is riding into the sunset aglow with self-contentment. What mars the happy ending, alas, are those mountains of deficits.

The president is congenitally unable to admit a mistake. His break-the-bank defense spending and attacks on the Treasury's revenue base might be cited by economists, but the real culprits, in the sheriff's view, are members of Congress, the media and the "special interests." They constitute a big-spending "iron tri-angle," the sheriff allows, appropriating a term that usually applies to the really big

spenders: the Pentagon, the armed services committees and defense contractors. Future historians will be among those paying the interest costs of the old sheriff's debts. So he may not get too good a spin.

- The Baltimore Sun.

WASHINGTON — Dr. Elizabeth Morgan is a leading plastic surgeon in Washington. Or was. For the the abuse inflicted on her by her father. "Do you consider yourself absolutely infallible?" the lawyer asked.

"No. But in this case I've heard from my daughter, and from others, explicit descriptions of sexual acts that I'm not allowed to describe."

Judge Herbert Dixon has sealed much of the evidence and forbidden the parties to disclose it. But quite a bit is known. Hilary showed traumatic signs after weekend visits with Mr. Foretich. She

was examined by doctors and others. Their opinions were divided, but a number believed there had been sexual abuse. A specialist in child sexual abuse, Dr. Charles Shubin, found vaginal scarring. A particularly compelling set of facts concerned Hilary's half-sister, Heather.

Dr. Morgan was Mr. Foretich's third wife. Heather, now 8, was a child of the second marriage. Heather said she did not want to visit Mr. Foretich. In 1986 Mr. Foretich took her to a psychiatrist to try to find out why. She told the psychia-trist that he had "hurt me down there." Judge Dixon would not hear evidence about Heather. His reasons, like so much else, are sealed.

In a collateral case, in federal court in Virginia, the evidence on Heather was also excluded. But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit said it uld have been admitted. The panel, which included Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, said that "given the simi-larity of the injuries," evidence about Heather would have made Mr. Foretich's defenses "quite implausible."

Mr. Foretich has denied any impropriety. Judge Dixon found the evidence on sexual abuse "in equipoise." He then ordered Hilary to spend two weeks with Mr. Foretich. Her flight followed.

The latest hearing sought Dr. Morgan's release on the ground that she plainly could not be coerced into producing Hi lary. The doctor's france, Judge Paul Mi-chel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, said she was prepared to stay in jail another 12 years if necessary until Hilary is 18 and safe.

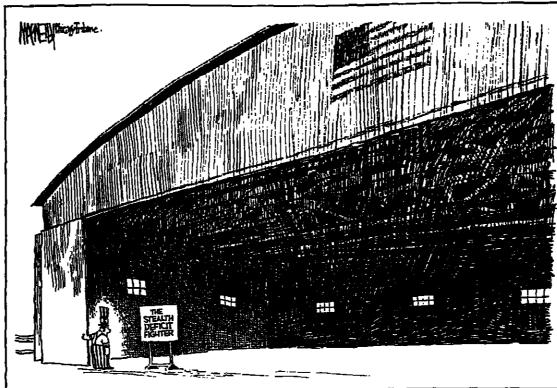
Judge Michel said he had counseled

Dr. Morgan to obey the court and had actually taken Hilary to her father twice for weekend visits. He said. "There's nothing I've ever done in my life that I regret more than those two actions." To disobey a court order is a grave

thing in a system as dependent on law as America's is. But it is very hard to understand the way the law has been applied in this case. Suppose the evidence, partially heard.

'in equipoise" on sexual abuse. Even that made unsupervised visits too grave a risk to what must be the dominant concern in such a case: the best interest of the child.

The New York Times



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### German History Lessons

Saul Schechtman asserts (Letters, Nov. 9) that "until about 1975, the Nazi period was largely avoided in history classes" in West Germany.

I finished school in an average, medium-sized town in northern Germany in 1966. The Nazi period, particularly the Holocaust and other atrocities committed by Germans, was a major subject of instruction in our history classes during the last four years of school. We also were taken to see films (Erwin Leiser's "Mein Kampi" comes to mind), and television documentaries on the era that were broadcast during that time were extensively discussed in class.

Germany's alleged failure to face up to the facts of Nazi atrocities is a convenient legend for those who have grown accustomed to treating Germany as an international pariah, and to gaining political and economic advantages from such treatment. There may be any number of reasons for disliking or distrusting my country, but this is not one of them.

CHRISTOPH VOD TEICHMAN.

### 'Cake' and a Honeymoon

In response to "Class Politics: A Late Foray Into a Troubling Realm" (Opinion, Nov. 3):

Jim Hoagland hit upon the essential reason for the cynicism and doldrums surrounding the U.S. presidential campaign. Whatever was wrong with the can-didates and their tactics was not the core of the problem.

Lower middle-class voters suffer the illusion that their political agenda should be the same as that of voters who earn \$100,000 a year and up, thus denying their need to assure a viable education system, minimum health care and a fair sharing of economic burdens. They will eat the "cake" of symbols, such as the Pledge of Allegiance and conservative "good-guy" versus liberal "bad-guy" labels, until they wake up and see that the politicians they elect are coming out on the wrong side (for

MARK L. COHEN.

If George Bush thinks he is going to have any honeymoon with the Democratic Congress after his sleazy campaign, he has another think coming. Tempers will be simmering, the knives will be out, and it will be Congress that runs the show for the next four years. CHUCK PAINTER.

### This Even-Handed Justice

Regarding "Shakespeare v. 17th Earl: The Verdict" (Features, Nov. 29):

Having also attended the mock trial held in Washington last year, I do not agree that, "three U.S. Supreme Court ustices ruled unanimously that the works of Shakespeare were by William Shakespeare ... and not the 17th Earl." I believe the Christian Science Monitor came closer to the justices' actual findings when it reported: "They didn't quite decide for the Earl of Oxford but they did not leave

the Stratford man quite clear. In effect, they said. There's something fishy here, but if someone else did write the plays and poems the Earl of Oxford seems to be

The report quotes Sam Wanamaker's neat and tidy summation of the debate. "What's in a name? The play's the thing." I believe that neither Mr. Wanamaker nor his legions of admirers around his and our "globe" would countenance his good works as a theater person of many mighty skills if they were masquerading under a pseudonym or were performed in complete anonymity.

EZRA STONE. Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

### Starvation Far Beyond

Regarding "Don't Believe What You Hear About Communism" (Oct. 29): Nicholas Eberstadt says that Western demographers suggest that the actual toll of "excess mortality" after the "failed social experiment" of China's Great Leap Forward may have been close to 30 mil-

lion people. He goes on to conclude that "if a person died of famine after 1917, the odds are that he or she lived in a Communist country." As if starvation in India, Bangladesh. Pakistan, Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, postwar Germany, Central Africa and so on never happened. There is only one other place I would expect to read such one-sided, fact-bending polemic — in pre-Gorbachev Pravda.

IAN CHANNING.

### Moral, Not Magic, Power

a fellow named Joachim Ronneper who collects dust. His lodgings, appar-

ently, are literally stockpiled with it. The

stuff is sealed in plastic packets, and his ambition is to exhibit it, in all its grimy

varieties, in a European museum. This

seems reasonable enough, for it all came

For more than three years, the patient

MEANWHILE

Mr. Ronneper has been sending his pack-

ets to museums in East and West Germa-

ny, Britain, the Netherlands, Austria and

Switzerland, asking: "Please tip some dust inside and return."

neper, a 30-year-old researcher, explains that, on the one hand, he is fascinated by

dust as a religious symbol of the emer-

gence and end of life and, on the other hand, as the householder's bane. Dust is

not, he says, as banal as it appears.

After doing some research of my own, I

But why, for heaven's sake? Mr. Ron-

from museums in the first place.

Referring to the rise of the religious parties on the Israeli political scene, the report quotes Rabbi David Hartman, who is described as an Orthodox Jewish philosopher, as saying that Israel has ransomed its political freedom to people

This pronouncement is more befitting a Reform viewpoint. For an Orthodox Jew, it is clear that the magnetic appeal of the great Hassidic rabbis is a moral one. The efficiency of these rabbis in assisting their followers is firmly rooted in their deep concern for humanity and their extraordinary power of prayer. Indeed, such values can be cherished by the entire Israeli electorate as well as the world at large.

DOV LEVINE.

"Why they're Picking on Ben Johnson, the Fastest Scapegoal in the World" (Opinion, Oct. 21) by Norman Fost, contained many fine words for reflection. I was immediately reminded of America's late dean of sportswriters, Grantland Rice, who, years ago, wrote the now fam-ous lines: "When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, he marks - not that you won or lost - but

## Regarding "Strictly Speaking, This Rabbi Has Power" (Nov. 24):

who believe in magic rites and curses.

#### There Is a Greater Judge

how you played the game."

HERBERT JOHNSON.

life is continuously surrounded by and enveloped by dust. That quotation comes from the only book published in Britain that is exclusively devoted to, dust. Called "Dust," it was written in-

So Why Is Dust Something

To Get Stirred Up About?

By Ivor Smullen

ONDON - Over in Cologne there is find it hard to contradict that statement.

1934 by Cyril Blacktin, a scientist who was clearly a pioneer in his field. My local library keeps it in the basement. When I borrowed a copy, an assistant first had to dust it down. Mr. Blacktin came up with some facts-Ripley may have missed. Many of the dust particles we breathe or scatter today,

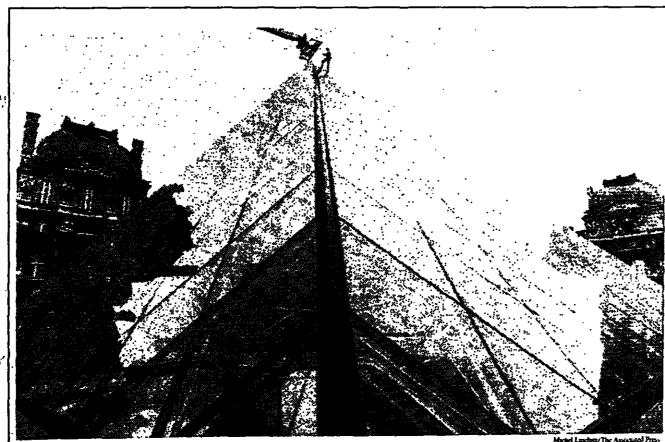
for instance, were probably around before man appeared on the world scene. He describes dust found in the Mediterranean region as "middle-aged." And he says a lot of dust was kicked up in the '30s' by people doing something Mr. Blacktinenigmatically calls "jazz-walking."

To get back to Joachim Ronneper. The other day, a museum of rural life in my

neighborhood received one of his requests for a dust sample. The staff obligingly spooned into his packet a smidgen of dust from a turn-of-the-century bearse. They figured this would fit in admirably. with his obsession about the dust-to-dust that represents all of human life.

Mr. Smullen, a writer, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

### GENERAL NEWS



THE GLASSY HEIGHTS — A French alpinist on the Louvre pyramid in Paris during cleaning work on the disputed museum addition in the Cour Napoléon. The museum will be closed for about a month from Feb. 22 until work is finished on underground bookshops, restaurants and boutiques. The pyramid, designed by I.M. Pei, will serve as the entrance to the underground complex.

### **EUROPEAN**

### **TOPICS**

Artworks in U.K. Falling Apart Britain's national art treasures are facing serious deterioration because of poor storage and conservation, according to a report by an all-party parliamentary committee. It said the backlog of conservation work at the Brit-ish Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum was "particularly disturbing," and that other national museums and galleries were likely to have the same problems.

The report, based on an earlier investigation by the National Audit Office, said that many objects were stored in "cramped, chaotic and overcrowded conditions" in the Victoria and Albert Museum. The museum told the committee that about 100,000 books and manuscripts needed urgent treatment, but that at present staff levels it would take 200 years to repair them. The British Museum said it was "in terrible financial trouble" and might have to make further staff cuts next

The committee recommended "a clear and concerted national program" of conservation, "supported by proper allocation of resources." It also suggested that muser should consider disposing of objects.

### Cologne at Odds With Rome

Pope John Paul II appears to be on colli-sion course with West German state govern-ment and local Roman Catholic church officials over his insistence on appointing someone of his own choice as archbishop of the archdiocese of Cologne.

The disagreement over a successor to Car-

dinal Joseph Höffner, who died in October last year, escalated last week when the Vatican made it known that the pope stood by his choice of the cardinal of East Berlin, Joachim Meisner. The Cologne archdiocese is one of the richest in the world, and its archbishop has traditionally headed the West German Bishops Conference.

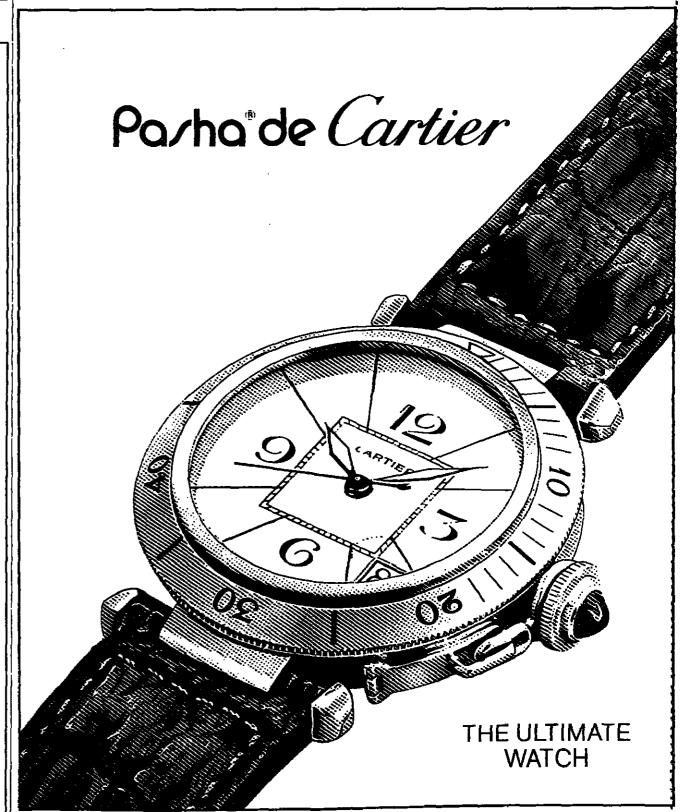
Under a 1929 agreement, the archdiocese chapter, or senior clergy, has the right to name its own candidates. But the Vatican ignored Cologne's nominations and submit-ted its own list of three names, including that of Cardinal Meisner. The chapter rejected all three candidates.

Johannes Rau, prime minister of North-Rhine Westphalia, warned the Vatican last week that a unilateral decision by the pope could damage relations with North-Rhine Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatine, the two states that make up the Cologne archdiocese. Mr. Rau said such a move would violate the 1929 agreement giving the two states veto power over the decision. The Vatican responded on Sunday with a statement saying that the pope had the right to appoint his own

Swedes who volunteered to go to Armenia's earthquake zone with their rescue dogs have been notified that their dogs will have to go into quarantine when they return home, according to the national news agency TT. Under Swedish law, animals from abroad have to spend four months in quarantine to make sure they are free of rabies. Many owners are upset. One of them, Nils Karlsson, said he would rather destroy his dog than leave him in quarantine. He had another dog at home, he said, and the four-month separation would ruin the work of the dogs as a team. The 16 Swedish rescue dogs in Armenia are said to have saved 14 persons so far. No rescue dogs were sent from Britain, which requires six months of quarantine.

A press and poster campaign to trace de-scendants of the Parisians who stormed the Bastille prison on July 14, 1789, has yielded responses from 6,500 Parisians, according to Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris. The descendants will be offered prominent places in a parade next year to commemorate the event that became the symbol of the French Revolution. The parade is one of many celebrations planned for the 200th anniversary of the revolution.

Sytske Looijen



PARIS - LONDON - NEW YORK MONTE-CARLO - GENEVA - MILAN AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY CARTIER STORES IN MAJOR CITIES WORLDWIDE.

### Reaction From Jews In the U.S. Is Cautious

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Leaders of several major American Jewish organizations have taken a cautious view of the decision by the United States to pursue a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization. They urged negotiators to compel Yasser Arafat to back up his statement on Israel's right to exist with

"The words count for very little," said Morris B. Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. "What is required are deeds."

But Mr. Abram and leaders of other Jewish groups were reluctant to criticize the offer to deal with the PLO, and several called the developments a possible first step to-ward a peaceful settlement in the

Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said his understanding was that the PLO had apparently met the standards set by the United States as a condition for opening discussions. Now, he said, the United States has to live up to

Dr. George E. Gruen, director of Middle East affairs at the American Jewish Committee, a human rights group, said, "I would say that this is a necessary first step toward seeing whether the PLO are -suitable partners in the peace pro-

Robert J. Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress, said Washington's dialogue with the PLO would put new responsibilities on the United States, in particular in making sure that Mr. Arafat stuck to a consistent line and made PLO policy conform to his state-

ment on Wednesday.
Once the PLO was judged to have met Washington's conditions for a dialogue, Mr. Lifton said, the U.S. move was inevitable.

"Those conditions required us to do what we said we would do," he said. "If people are not happy, then the argument should have been made over what conditions were laid down. Otherwise, it is our obligation to meet them."

### U.S. Statement: The PLO Met **All Conditions**

WASHINGTON - Following is the text of the statement President Ronald Reagan concerning talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization: The Palestine Liberation

Organization today issued a statement in which it accepted United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and 338, recognized Israel's right to exist and renounced terror-

These have long been our conditions for a substantive dialogue. They have been met. Therefore, I have authorized the State Department to enter into a substantive dialogue with PLO representatives. The Palestine Liberation Organization must live up to its statements. In particular it must demonstrate that its renunciation of terrorism is pervasive and permanent.

The initiation of a dialogue between the United States and PLO representatives is an important step in the peace process, the more so because it represents the serious evolution of Palestinian thinking towards realistic and pragmatic positions on the key issues. But the objective of the United States remains, as always, a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

In that light, we view this development as one more step toward the beginning of direct negotiations between the parties, which alone can lead to such a peace.
The United States' special

commitment to Israel's security and well-being remains unshakable. Indeed, a major reason for our entry into this dialogue is to help Israel achieve the recognition and security it deserves.

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undertaken in the early 1960s un-

der the leadership of Nikita S.

Khrushchev, but was reversed after

The upheavals in the officers'

corps that occurred under Mr.

Khrushchev were cited as an object

lesson in how not to proceed this

The paper quoted a retired major

general, P. Barolya, as saying that "lack of humanity" and even cor-

ruption in deciding personnel changes had made the Khrushchev

forces. He suggested appointing military prosecutors to personnel

boards to prevent the repetition of

he was overthrown in 1964.



An Israeli policeman confisating posters showing the Israeli and Palestinian flags with the words 'Israeli-Palestinian Peace' in Hebrew. Six Israelis were arrested near the prime minister's residence.

### **OPINION:** Arabs and Europeans Hail U.S. Decision

(Continued from page 1) rising in the Israeli-occupied West

Bank and Gaza Strip.
But several Arab officials tempered their enthusiasm by suggesting that the U.S. move represented only a preliminary step to a more substantive challenge for the incoming administration of Presi-

dent-elect George Bush. The U.S. decision will add to the impetus for the reinstatement of Egypt in the Arab League, Arab diplomats said. Egypt was expelled from the league because of its 1979 separate peace with Israel. The move also deepens the isolation of Syria, which opposes all concessions by the PLO.

Significantly, however, Georges Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh, leaders of two radical Damascusbased factions within the PLO, welcomed the U.S. decision as a trigroups outside the PLO and dependent on Damascus challenged the U.S. move. One of them, led by Abu Musa, who broke with Mr. Arafat with Syrian backing in 1983, took as a veiled threat of terrorism.

"We fully reject the Arafat concessions and will prove our stand practically in a way that neither Israel nor the United States would expect," a spokesman for the Abu Musa group said in Damascus. It remained unclear whether such action would be approved by Syria.

#### Vietnam Gives U.S. Unit Suspected GI Remains

The Associated Press BANGKOK - Vietnam gave a U.S. military team on Thursday 38 sets of suspected remains of missing American servicemen in the largest such repatriation since the

Vietnam War ended. A U.S. military honor guard loaded the remains, placed in metal caskets topped with U.S. flags, onto an air force plane during a ceremony at Hanoi airport.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect George Bush said Thursday

that he supported President Ron-

ald Reagan's decision to begin talks

with the Palestine Liberation Orga-

nization, but he cautioned, "Let's

see how things evolve," adding, "There's no game plan."
"The conditions that the Ameri-

can government set out have been

consistent, steadfast and now Mr.

Arafat says that those conditions

are met," Mr. Bush said Thursday.

"So we will observe, we will watch

and our ambassador in Tunisia will

**ARMY:** Soviet Officers Express Unease on Troop Cuts

The comments in the paper appeared to have been carefully se-lected to allow officers to vent their

grievances without questioning the

correctness of the political deci-

sion. There is no evidence of a sig-nificant domestic military chal-

lenge to Mr. Gorbachev, who has

moved to reassert civilian control

over the armed forces over the last

Although he never achieved the

prominence of his predecessor,

Marshal Nikolai V. Ogarkov, Mar-

shal Akhromeyev was perhaps the

last relatively weighty political

commander in chief of the Western

sector after his outspoken calls for greater investment in the military.

retired earlier this year.

cuts "a real drama" for many indi-voice within the Soviet armed

viduals, as well as having a negative forces. Marshal Ogarkov, who was

affect on the quality of the armed moved to the less visible post of

begin a dialogue. There's no game the Israelis."

■ East and West Applaud

The Soviet Union, Britain, Italy, France and Japan were among nations joining Arab states in expressing pleasure at the U.S. move,

news agencies reported. In Geneva, Mr. Petrovsky said that the U.S. decision was "a reasonable action going in the right

"The Soviet Union stands for an immediate start of preparatory work within the United Nations Security Council aiming at convening of the international conference," Mr. Petrovsky said. "There political settlement in the Middle East and this chance should not be

William Waldegrave of the British Foreign Office said in a state- raeli interests."

ment from Cairo: "I welcome the fact that the Americans share our analysis that the PLO has moved to positions that represent real pro-

Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita of Italy, visiting Washington, said that "one cannot but express a positive attitude" toward the development. A Greek government spokesman, Sotiris Kostopoulos, said that it created "very hopeful prospects" for progress in the Middle East. go. Japan and Australia also issued statements praising the U.S. deci-

In Oslo, Foreign Minister Thoris a unique chance today to start a vald Stoltenberg of Norway was quoted by the national NTB news agency as saying, "Israel's rigid attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization is not serving Israeli interests." (AP, Reuters)

### umph for the uprising. Syria remained silent, but Palestinian ISRAEL: Standing Alone on PLO

a change in the PLO. I certainly don't think it's a sad day." Several other Labor "doves" agreed.

Movement party spoke for many when he said he was surprised by Mr. Peres's remarks.

Yitzhak Shamir's mouth," he said. This is the day we hoped for. For the first time in the history of the

ambassador to Israel, notified the prime minister's office of the American decision in the early hours Thursday. Yosi Ben Aharon, Mr. Shamir's chief of staff, got the call and said he tried to change Mr. Pickering's mind from the first mo-

"I told Ambassador Pickering that when he called at 1 A.M. that we were very sorry, that this was the wrong step, that this would not bring us any closer to peace," he

plan, there's no five-point pro-

Asked if he preferred that the

talks are held off until he takes office next month, Mr. Bush re-

plied, "I am vice president of the United States. I become president

on Jan. 20. On Jan. 21 I'll tell you

"I support the president's decision," Mr. Bush said. "Let's see

how things evolve. My position re-

mains the same. I want to see direct

talks between, for example, be-

tween King Hussein of Jordan and

At a press conference on Thurs-

day, Viktor P. Karpov, the head of

the Foreign Ministry's arms con-

trol department, reiterated that

Marshal Akhromeyev's retirement was unrelated to the planned troop

Mr. Karpov also denied rumors

circulating in Moscow that the

Kremlin might soon appoint a ci-

rilian defense minister to replace

General Dmitri T. Yazov. But he

left the long-term possibility of

such a move open, saying that civilians, notably Dmitri F. Ustinov.

who died in 1984, had occupied the

Defense Ministry portfolio in the

reductions.

what I want to do."

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sure of the U.S. has brought about

Yosi Sarid of the Citizens Rights

"It sounded like it came from

region, peace is within reach." Thomas F. Pickering, the U.S.

By morning, Mr. Ben Aharon was saying that Israel hoped the

### change would be "a short, passing

phase."

Mr. Pickering met both Mr. Sha- Arafat of the U.S. commitment. mir and Mr. Peres on Thursday, talks said that Mr. Shamir had stressed his anger and disappointment while Mr. Peres had reassured Mr. Pickering that Israel's relation-ship with the United States should

not change because of this. Mr. Shamir said that he and others in the government had been expecting this possibility for the last several weeks. He, too, suggested that only Israel knew Mr. Arafat's true nature. "There's not any government that knows what we

know," he said. Even as Mr. Shamir and Mr. Peres reacted to the American decision, they continued trying to form a new government. Officials from both sides said that while the development gave the Labor Party and the Likud bloc a common purpose, it also made the negotiations more

Mr. Weizman said that the nego-tiations should be stopped for the time being. He said that the problems between the two parties had

One difficulty is that some in Labor want Mr. Peres to remain as foreign minister, given the new circumstances. Likud has essentially given him the choice of staying in the Foreign Ministry or becoming finance minister. On Thursday, Mr. Peres said that he had decided to become finance minister.

Still under the coalition agreement now under discussion. Mr. Shamir said, either the Labor party or Likud would be able to veto any new foreign policy initiative. Labor and Likud will be represented equally on the cabinet, Mr. Shamir said, so that unless both parties agree no new actions can be taken.

# U.S. Envoy Has Wide Mideast Contacts

By Andrew Rosenthal New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - When Secretary of State George P. Shultz picked Robert H. Pelletreau Jr. as the sole authorized contact between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization, it was not the first time that the 26year Foreign Service veteran had been called on for a highly sensitive

In June 1985, Mr. Pelletreau was assigned by the State Department to be one of two heads of an interagency task force charged with gathering information during the hijacking of a Trans World Airlines jet, a 17-day ordeal that ended in Beirut when the hijackers released their last 39 American hostages. Mr. Pelletreau, who speaks French and Arabic, has long been

U.S. in Contact

(Continued from page 1)

prise announcement Wednesday night began Dec. 2, when the Unit-

ed States was notified that Mr.

Arafat would visit Stockholm on

Dec. 6 and 7 and would reply clear-

ly to the U.S. conditions for open-

ing a dialogue.
On Dec. 3, Mr. Fitzwater said,

the United States sent to the Swed-

ish government precise language that should be used to satisfy U.S.

On Dec. 7, Sweden told the Unit-

ed States privately that Mr. Arafat

planned to publicly meet the U.S.

conditions after talks with a delega-

That triggered intense discussions within the administration,

culminating in a decision by Mr. Reagan while he was in New York

to meet the Soviet president, Mik-

hail S. Gorbachev. Mr. Reagan au-

thorized Mr. Shultz to open a dia-

logue if Mr. Arafat met the U.S.

But Mr. Arafat's declaration on

Dec. 7 fell short of the mark, and

Mr. Shultz said at a news confer-

ence in New York that the PLO

still had "a considerable distance to

The Swedes persisted. Last Friday night they sent to Washington

the draft text of what Mr. Arafat

planned to say in Geneva about the

conditions. The United States was

told the language had been approved by the PLO Executive

U.S. officials said Mr. Shultz

sent a written commitment to the

Swedish foreign minister, Sten An-

dersson, that the United States

would immediately begin a "sub-stantive dialogue" with the PLO if Mr. Arafat delivered the draft un-

changed.
Mr. Andersson then assured Mr.

Mr. Shultz on Monday ordered

aides to inform Israel of the im-

pending U.S. move, to lessen

tion of American Jews.

PLO:

conditions.

involved in Middle East peace ef-

serving as ambassador to Tunisia, his second ambassadorial post. He was ambassador to Bahrain in 1979 Before the announcement

serve as a conduit to the PLO, Mr. Pelletreau was mentioned as a candidate to succeed Richard W. Murphy as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs in the administration of President-elect George Bush.

mediate-range missiles.

drawal from Afghanistan.

Third World debt

ment to the special UN General

Assembly meeting in Geneva fell

On Wednesday, the United

States received word that Mr. Ara-

fat might still meet the U.S. re-

quirements. After White House

and State Department discussions

throughout the day, Mr. Reagan

reaffirmed his willingness to authorize a dialogue should Mr. Arafat

Shortly after 3 P.M. Wednesday,

phoned the State Department and

short of U.S. demands.

become explicit.

state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs from 1983 to 1985, Mr. Pelletreau was involved in trying to arrange an international conference on the Middle East and determining the proper representa-tion for the Palestinians in such a

The 53-year-old diplomat is now

Wednesday night that he would

Born July 9, 1935, in Patchogue, New York, Robert Halsey Pelletreau (pronounced PELL-ah-trow)

Of the Reagan Years

1986-88: Steps toward democratic government in the

1987: INF Treaty eliminating U.S. and Soviet inter-

1987: Western naval protection of Gulf shipping.

1988: Soviet Union's announcement of military with-

1988: U.S.-Canada agreement on a free-trade area.

1988: Agreement on the independence of Namibia

1988: Recognition of Israel by the Palestine Liberation Organization and the PLO's rejection of terrorism.

• START negotiations on intercontinental nuclear

• Re-establishment of effective government in Leba-

• Progress in multilateral trade talks under the Gen-

ment, so it could be discussed.

State Department sources.

ly after 5 P.M. he telephoned Mr.

Reagan and joined the consensus.

Mr. Reagan then officially autho-

rized the announcement made by

Mr. Shultz at the State Department

(WP, AP, UPI, Reuters)

Philippines, Argentina, South Korea and Chile.

1988: Cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war.

and withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola.

Major Unresolved Issues

• Stability in Central America.

eral Agreement on Tariffs and Trade



Robert H. Pelletrezu Jr.

Yale University in 1957 and served with the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1957 to 1958.

He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1961 and was admitted to As deputy undersecretary of received a bachelor's degree from the bar in New York state, working

for one year as an associate in the law firm of Chadbourne Parke Whiteside & Wolff in Manhattan Since joining the Foreign Service in 1962, Mr. Pelletreau has served in Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania.

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Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, Tunisia and Syria. From 1980 to 1981, and again from 1985 to 1987, he was assigned to the Pentagon, where he was deputy assistant secretary of defense for Near East and South Asian affairs. From 1981 to 1983, he was director for Arabian Peninsula affairs at the State Department, for lowed by two years as deputy assis-

tant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs. He was nominated as ambassa. dor to Tunisia by President Ronald Reagan in March 1987.

Mr. Pelletreau is married to

Pamela Day Pelletreau, who has a doctorate in political science from George Washington University.
They have three children

### **ASSESS:** Heat on Israelis Diplomatic Landmarks

(Continued from page f) quest Nov. 26, citing Mr. Arafar's "terrorist connections" — would 1983: NATO deployment of theater nuclear forces in

have to be considered on its own merits" with no certainty of a change in U.S. policy. Yet even Mr. Redman hinted repeatedly that things would never be the same in the Middle East peace process and that the main safe-

stance of the U.S.-PLO dialogue, after discussing terrorism, would be the peace process. e me peace process.

"This dialogue is not an end i itself," he said, adding that the U.S. hoped that it "could be a positive contribution to this process of

secking peace." Mr. Redman said he thought the dialogue would only begin to devel-op fully after the Bush administration took over on Jan. 20. But he expected "there might be occasion to have a face-to-face explanation of our view on the peace process with the PLO and to impress upon them "the importance of direct as gotiations."

Since Mr. Arafat has already said he is ready for such negotia-tions, it appears that the Bush administration's the main task will be to persuade Israel to go down the same road Washington has just taken toward opening a dialogue with the PLO. Mr. Redman sought to sidestep

the issue of direct PLO participation by saying "how the peace pre-cess evolves we can't say at this

#### 2 Resolutions Passed by UN Mr. Bush was briefed, and short-

GENEVA - The United Nations General Assembly ended its three-day session here Thursday by adopting two resolutions on the

The first resolution called for the convening of an international peace conference to "achieve a just and comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

### Agence France-Presse

# **Sweden Claims Credit for Breakthrough**

STOCKHOLM - Swedish officials said Thursday that they had played the key role in mediation that led the United States to drop its ban on direct

talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization. "It is a triumph for diplomacy and reconcilia-tion," said Deputy Foreign Minister Pierre Schori. He praised the development as as "a great accomhment" for Foreign Minister Sten Andersson

and Swedish diplomacy.

The first hint of change came last week when Stockholm was the host at talks between the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, and five American Jews.

The document that emerged brought the PLO closer than before to recognizing Israel and renouncing terrorism.

at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Andersson then coaxed Mr. Arafat to go further. In a carefully written statement apparently drafted with Sweden's help, Mr. Arafat met the U.S. conditions Wednesday at a news conference in Geneva.

SPITAK: The Survivors Live the Death in an Entombed Armenian Towns

Diplomats said that the news conference was delayed for about eight hours to give the Swedes time to work out an acceptable formula. "We did the right thing at the right time," Mr. Schori said.

#### But again, Mr. Arafat's state- played a tape of Mr. Arafat's state-About 4 P.M., Mr. Shultz told the White House that Mr. Arafat had finally met the U.S. conditions, according to White House and

New York Times Service

Israel and the United States.

The second resolution changed the name of the PLO observer mitsion at the United Nations to the Palestine Observer Mission.

### Commuters Riot in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO - Comm ers enraged over a delay in train service rioted Wednesday, damaging five trains and three suburban stations, the police in Rio de Jan-

#### said. "A noise, a terrible swaying, increased "because of what hap-**Bush Backs Reagan on PLO** and then there was no one." pened with the PLO."

All she salvaged from the debris were her pictures and, strangely, a pair of high-heeled shoes. "I have to leave this place," she

said. "There is no life here any-Soviet Army troops organizing the relief effort in the town have ordered foreign rescue workers and residents to begin leaving. Starting Thursday, the army was to have

begun exploding mines under the ruined buildings. "We are being asked politely to stop working and leave," said Nor-man Roundell, a British fire inspector. "I must say I think it's premature. The woman that was found alive today will live. It's only one, but still I'd like to stay. Of course,

we are not giving the orders."
Other rescue workers, from Italy and the Netherlands, agreed that it was too soon to leave and destroy the town. But they also said that after a week, it was a "miracle" whenever anyone was found alive.

"The organization here is just total chaos," said Paul Newton, a British welder who volunteered to help in the rescue. "There are lots of buildozers, but no one knows what to do with them." "I've been working here for six

ple that you could find anywhere. "They would give you their last ruble if you asked them. But there's head of the military training direction of order here and I think that is killing them. It has got till it is

months on a British project," he added, "and I've found one thing: that these are the most lovable peothe same feeling, a tremendous shock "like a bomb," the eerie feel

of rocking and then collapse. One woman said she thought fast enough to grab her child by the hair and pull her through a doorway

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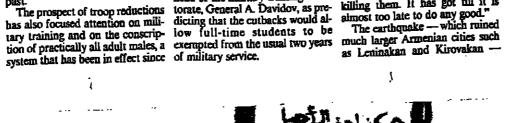
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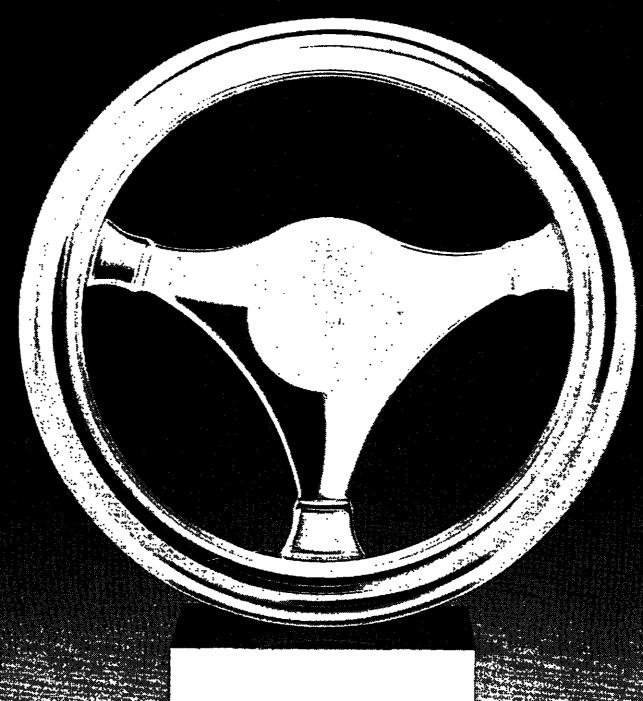


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The Diamonds have done it! The world-famous symbols for quality and innovation are also the recipients of the prestigious Golden Steering Wheel Award. On November 10, 1988 the respected German weekend magazine, Bild am Sonntag awarded the Mitsubishi Colt/Lancer the coveted prize for Class I (under 1.5 litre).

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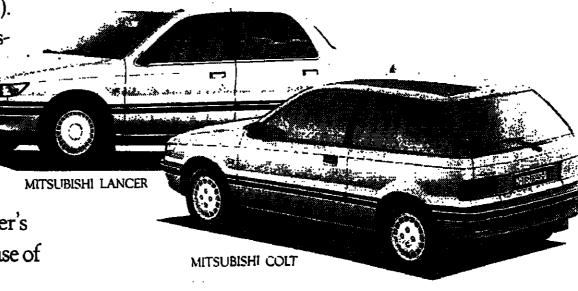
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In considering all newly released passenger cars in Germany for the preceding year, the 21 judges looked carefully at nine aspects of each car. When selecting the Colt/Lancer, the panel commended particularly the Colt/Lancer's distinctive styling, interior comfort and ease of

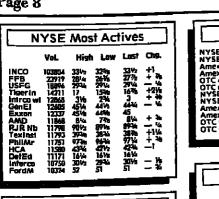
operation, and the crisp, responsive power.

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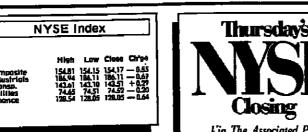


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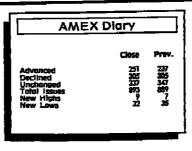
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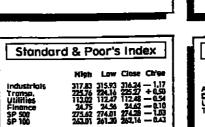
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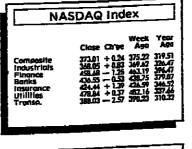


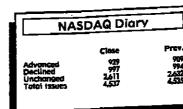
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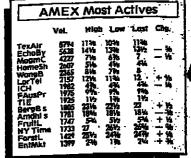








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Rate Fears Send NYSE Lower

NEW YORK - Prices ended lower on the Prices New York Stock Exchange on Thursday in quiet trading, pressured by mounting concern

about the outlook for interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 9.24 points Wednesday, eased 1.25 to close at

2133.00. Declines led advances by an 8-5 margin as volume rose to 136.82 million shares from

132.35 million traded on Wednesday. Broader-market indexes also declined. The New York Stock Exchange index fell 0.55 to close at 154.17. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 1.03 to 274.28. The price of an average share dropped 11 cents.

Analysts said the market appeared to be in limbo ahead of a possible move by the Federal Reserve Board to push the benchmark discount rate higher to slow the U.S. economy's growth. The discount rate, now at 6.5 percent, is what the Fed charges on loans to banking institu-

released this week, that suggested the economy is growing too fast.

"The overall market needs an action point, and the discount rate is it," said Larry Wachtel, a market analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc. Mr. Wachtel said a move by the Fed to raise

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the discount rate was already built into stock

"Even though it's a feared event, the psychology behind raising rates is that it slows the economy down." Mr. Wachtel said. Once that happens "it would diminish the opportunities for alternative investments" and direct money

back into stocks, he said. Trading opened Thursday amid news that the West German Bundesbank raised one of its key interest rates. Other European banks also re-stricted the availability of credit on Wednesday

and Thursday.

"The Fed has all the reasons it needs to raise the discount rate," said Hugh Johnson, head of the investment policy committee at First Albany Corp. in Albany, New York. He added, however, the first hand gradity another notch, it that if the Fed tightened credit another notch, it may not only slow the economy, but cause a recession. "This puts the Fed on thin ice."

Inco was the most-active issue, up % to 33%.

The company plans to pay a \$10 special dividend to its shareholders on Friday.

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First Fidelity Bancorp followed, up % to 27%. The stock fell more than 8 points Thursday amid worries trates.

Wall Street has been expecting such a move by the Fed for some time in the wake of many recent key economic reports, including some released this week that

¼ to 50, Eastman Kodak fell ¾ to 44¾, Merck fell ¾ to 56¾ and Texaco fell 1¼ to 50¾. Texaco's management is planning to mobilize against the threat of a renewed bid for control by Carl C. Icahn, who made an earlier attempt this spring.

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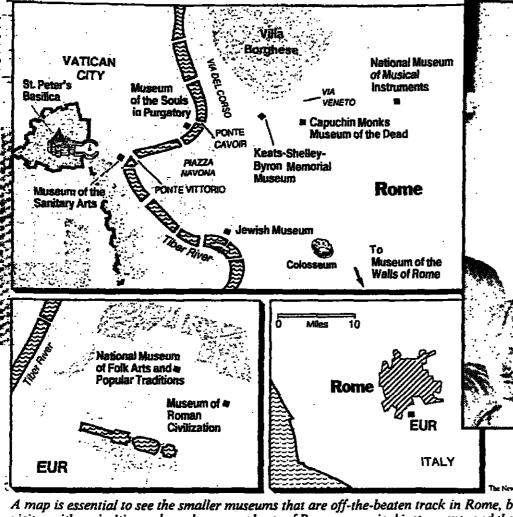
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A map is essential to see the smaller museums that are off-the-beaten track in Rome, but they reward the visitor with curiosities such as plaster cast busts of Romans, musical instruments and the house where John

### The Small Museums of Rome

by Louis Inturrisi

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OME — They are sometimes more than a little time-consuming to find, and their opening and closing -hours are as mysterious and erratic as the Roman weather in spring. Neverthe-less, the less-publicized, out-of-the-way museums of Rome can provide the persistent visitor with such exquisite novelties as chandeliers made from monks' bones, locks of hair from the great Romantic poets and handprints from the souls in purgatory.

Moreover, unlike their more celebrated big sisters, the minor museums in Rome are often free or charge nominal entrance fees; nonetheless, they still tend to be fairly emp-ty, even during April, July and August when the tourist traffic is at its heaviest.

Popular Traditions, in the EUR (Esposizione Universale di Roma) suburb of Rome (about a 20-minute subway ride from the center of town), documents the life of the regional groups that make up Italy and its islands. A collection of 750 regional costumes and a room that illustrates popular regional festi-vals, such as the Holy Week pageants in Sicily and the Palio horse races in Siena, record the rich and often overlooked variety of the various ethnic groups. There are also exhibits of the popular arts, including pottery from all the major kilns, as well as descriptions of local games and other forms

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in EUR, and it has a collection of models and reproductions that illustrate the history and civilization of the city from its origins up to the sixth century. An enormous plastic model of how Rome looked in the fourth century is the star of the show. It includes scale models of the Forum, the Colosseum and the Pantheon as they stood in the Ausustan era when Rome was the center of the known world and a city adorned in marble

Reconstructions give visitors a good idea of what Roman aqueducts, bathhouses and private dwellings looked like before they

Museum of Roman Civilization, 10 Piazza

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## It's Still La Coupole, Sort of

ARIS — Renovate. Rejuvenate. Update. Preserve. That's the bible according to Jean-Paul Bucher and his Groupe Flo, which now includes La coupole, the newly reopened landmark-stasis 1920s brasserie that has just been pro-Coupole, the newly reopened landmark-sta-tus 1920s brasserie that has just been pro-

pelled into the modern age.

The immense, 600-seat establishment, which officially reopened last Friday after an extensive, eight-month make-over, is already serving its famous oysters, lamb curry,

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and fried whiting to some 1,500 people a
- day. Yet the ghosts of its legendary habitues
- Americans and other expatriates, the Cubists, Surrealists and other Montparnasse

La Coupole is now the largest brasserie in the Flo group, a highly successful and ever-expanding restaurant empire that includes five other brasseries in Paris — Flo, Julien, Vaudeville, Terminus Nord and Le Boeuf .sur le Toit - all large, restored Art Deco or Art Nouveau monuments. They serve 1.25 million meals each year in Paris alone. With the addition of La Coupole, purchased from the original owner this year, the total could jump close to 2 million. That does not count of the paris alone where Erench cities and in Barbrasseries in other French cities and in Bar-

miliar ocher and red wicker café chairs. The

For habitués and those who love Paris for its well-worn. traditional qualities, the modern, sanitized Coupole will never be the same.

naked lady still graces the Coupole's dinner-ware. The crowd that fills the single-level dining room remains as diverse and as democratic as ever. And twice each day on weekends, La Coupole is still transformed into a dance hall, in memory of the days when a live orchestra encouraged shop clerks and gigolos to waltz and tango away the afternoon. And the food still arrives slowly, very slowly, and it's usually lukewarm. But for habitues and those who love Paris

for its well-worn, traditional qualities, the modern, sanitized Coupole will never be the same. We may want to change ourselves, but feel more secure when our institutions remain the same, like faithful old friends.

The new Coupole is showing us that the definition of full-service restaurant means more than a three-course meal. Where regu-lar clients once had mail slots at La Coupole, they will now be able to telefax their messages around the world. Breakfast - not the simple croissant and café au lait, but a fullfledged American-style, all-you-can-eat buf-fet — is now served from 7:30 to 10:30 each morning. Along with their sumptuous petit dejeuner, guests will be offered secretarial services, access to telefax and photocopying machines, and cordless telephones at the

Gastronomically, La Coupole never made a pretense of being a great restaurant, and it still isn't. Even Bucher, an expert at volume feeding, will have a hard time serving quality fare to such numbers.

Although the restaurant was at one time awarded a Michelin star, this was later re-voked without fanfare. Oysters and giant round platters of raw and cooked fish and shellfish - the traditional plateau de fruits

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Caribbean Festival Costumes



■ Costumes of Caribbean festivals stilt dancers, Indians, giant bats (one of them pictured here) and other figures — are on view until Feb. 19 at the St. Louis Art Museum. The "Caribbean Festival Arts" exhibition presents 36 costumes, some as tall as 16 feet (5 meters). The costumes are shown on manne-

quins (with hands and faces cast from life) and accompanied by video and slide presentations, large photo murals and taped music. The show moves on to Washington, Brooklyn, Seanle and Toronto,

TRAVELER'S CHOICE

### New Rules for Visiting Mount Ararat

■ The Turkish government has issued new rules for visiting Mount Ararat. It has never been easy to visit this 17,000-foot mountain, the traditional resting place of Noah's Ark. The peak is constantly covered with snow and ice and is dangerous to climb in bad weather. Furthermore, the mountain is in a sensitive area of eastern Turkey, just a few miles from Soviet Armenia. In the past, the Soviets have protested to Turkish authorities about climbers they Soviets have protested to Turkish authorities about climbers they suspected of being intelligence gatherers. According to an advisory released by the Turkish Embassy in Washington: All climbers need written authorization. Applications should be submitted three months in advance. Travelers engaged in research or filming must state their subject, and tourists should say whether they are going for sport or sightseeing. Individual climbers or groups must be accompanied by a mide licensed by the Turkish Federation of Mountains. sport or significantly individual componers or groups must be ac-companied by a guide licensed by the Turkish Federation of Moun-tain Sports. A list of guides may be obtained from the Turkish Ministry of Tourism. Aside from cameras, amateur video cameras

and radios, more sophisticated equipment must be listed on the application, including infra-red or seismic equipment or binoculars with distance measurement features.

### Peru Archaeological Site Will Be Opened

■ Within a year tourists should be able to visit the recently discovered cache of pre-Columbian artifacts in Peru near a coastal village just south of the Equator, according to airline and tourism officials. Looted artifacts led to the discovery outside the village of Sipan of a 1,500-year-old tomb of a high-ranking warrior priest of the pre-Incan Moche people. Archaeologists have called the tomb the richest cache of pre-Columbian artifacts ever excavated in the Americas, ranking the find in importance with the discovery of King Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt. Uncarthed so far have been such treasures as a two-foot-wide solid gold crown, strands of peanutshaped gold and silver beads, a ceremonial rattle made of hammered sheet gold and a pure-gold warrior's shield weighing nearly two pounds. Visitors will be able to see the tomb and the ongoing dig there. How and where to display the finds has not been decided.

### Air Discounts for Older Passengers

Three airlines have announced fare discounts for older travelers. Northwest has begun 10 percent reductions on domestic fares for passengers 62 or older and for a companion, regardless of age. The savings apply to almost all fares, including discounted fares. Proof of age must be presented at time of ticketing. Delta also began, on the first of this month, a 10 percent discount on U.S. domestic fares for those 62 and older and a companion of any age. These Young at Heart fares, as they are called, apply to most fare levels, including the deeply discounted Instant Saver fares. British Airways on Jan. 1 will start a discount program for people over 60 traveling between the United States and Britain. Fare discounts for people who have registered for the plan - proof of age required —will range from 10 to 30 percent, depending on the type of travel and the day of the week. A companion over 50 on the same itinerary may receive the same discounts. Special check-in facili-

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#### THE FREQUENT TRAVELER

### Fare Bargains Fewer, Smaller And Harder to Find in U.S.

by Agis Salpukas

EW YORK - The good news: Despite the recent major tightening of the U.S. airline fare structure there are still a limited number of low fares available for those who must travel on short no-

The bad news: These fares are much fewer in number, are generally on the smaller carriers such as Braniff Airways and Midway and are not always easy for travel agents to find in their computer

Travelers in the United States will therefore have to press their agents to seek out the most advantageous fares. Business travelers will be the hardest hit by the new fare structure, which went into effect Nov. 22. Lower fares will still be available to people traveling for pleasure, but they will have to be much more flexible in their plans and be willing to put up with more inconvenience, such as making a stopover and changing planes at a hub or flying at off-peak periods. There are travelers who will con-

tinue to take advantage of the airlines' eccentric pricing structure in ways that the airlines say violates their rules. One way, for instance, is to use what in airline parlance is called the "hidden city" strategy. A traveler buys a ticket to a destination beyond the hub city, when in fact the traveler wants to end the journey at the hub itself.

In this way the traveler can fly from Newark to Houston for \$156 by buying a one-way ticket from to Houston bought seven days in Newark to San Antonio that in- advance cost \$610. Such fares have Newark to San Antonio that inchides a stop at Houston. By comparison, the regular one-way coach fare between Newark and Houston is \$462. The traveler simply gets off at Houston and does not complete the leg to San Antonio. If an airline later finds out, the traveler will be the full coach fare in effect before charged the full \$462 coach fare. Nov. 22. But because of the climiwith responsibility for collecting nation of advance-purchase disthe difference generally put on the counts the real increase for many

The traveler using a "hidden more than \$300 round trip. city" cannot check his bags because all checked luggage would go was recently demonstrated by Ju-through to San Antonio. And if a liet Versfeld, one of the owners of traveler is flying round trip and the Trips Away Travel Agency in does not use the part of the ticket Tenafly, New Jersey, Before Nov. stub that covers the Houston-San 22 she was able to call up by com-Antonio leg, the rest of the trip is puter about 25 different fares be-automatically canceled by the air-tween Newark and Houston. Now line's computer. Detection would be made if the stub for the Hous- ferent fares. ton-to-San Antonio leg was not handed in. If the traveler later pre-tion is true of fares between other

from Houston to Newark the airline would demand that the full round-trip fare be paid.

The number of travelers who resome airline industry analysts. But a Saturday night stopover. an airline executive conceded that agents also say such practices will grow among business travelers and those who must travel on short notice because the price differentials

A traveler who can plan far ahead and qualify for a 14-day advance purchase fare can still get low fares, although APEX fares are not as low as they were, particularly to the larger cities on major routes. The bite is not as big, aver-aging from \$30 to \$40 round trip.

A 14-day advance-purchase ticket round trip between Newark and Houston is \$278. The trade-off is that if the traveler cancels there is no refund and the purchaser must stop over for a Saturday night before flying back.

A seven-day advance-purchase fare to Houston is also available. The ticket costs \$338 round trip, carries a cancellation penalty of 50 percent and the traveler must stay a

So for the traveler who can plan ahead there are still cheap ways to travel. The increase in cost comes for those who cannot plan a couple of weeks ahead. Before the fare changes, very low fares were available on short notice. Before Nov. 22 a round-trip ticket from Newark

At the same time, full coach fares have gone up considerably. The regular round-trip coach fare between Newark and Houston, for instance, is now \$924, up \$94 from travelers is more on the level of

The magnitude of the changes tween Newark and Houston. Now her computer shows only seven dif-

The same dramatic simplifica-

sented the ticket for the return trip major cities. Versfeld discovered from Houston to Newark the zir- that the full coach fare between Newark and Los Angeles is now \$1,100 round trip. A seven-day ex-cursion fare of \$418 round trip is sort to circumvention of the rules is also available. It must be bought less than I percent, according to seven days in advance and requires

Searching further she found that, such practices are growing. Some if the traveler took Braniff from La Guardia Airport to Los Angeles, an unrestricted round-trip fare of \$724 is available. The traveler must make a stop at Kansas City, where Braniff has its hub, and change planes. She estimated the wait at no

> HE found an even cheaper fare of \$560 round trip to Los Angeles on Braniff, but that fare is available only on Saturday. Such fares are also capacity controlled, which means that the num-ber of seats available on each flight is limited and that they could be "You can still save money,

> Versfeld added, but the ways to do so have become much more limited. She advises travelers to lock in discount and other low fares early. The risk is that because of cancellation penalties the traveler who changes plans can lose money. She also said it is more important

than ever to find a travel agent with good instincts and who knows the ins and outs of the computer reservation system. The lower Braniff fares, for example, did not show up when she first searched. "My instinct told me they should be

Travelers looking for a bargain can also wait to travel in off-peak periods, such as January and February, when traffic is light. The airlines traditionally introduce lower fares during such periods and they usually last until traffic picks up.

On Nov. 29 the major airlines announced cuts in fares on many of their Florida routes during most of January and early February. The tickets have to be bought by Dec. 14. The trend this year, however, has been for fares to go up and stay up over the long term and chances seem slim that lower fares will be reintroduced any time soon.

The strategy of the industry is to accept less traffic if at the same time they are taking in more revenue. Another aspect of the strategy is that with fewer passengers the airlines feel they are able to provide better service.

Prospects of encountering more courtesy, better meal service and baggage handling could take some of the sting out of having to pay

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### Eilat: An Israeli Resort **Far From the Headlines**

campaign in action.

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3,000 Americans passed through Eilat, compared with more than 100,000 Europeans. Most of the

Americans were Jews who had

come to see the Holy Land, not

vacationers looking for a resort in

Visitors who come to see just

center." Its business area is like

that of any other Israeli small town,

lined with undistinguished open-

In the summer, when the tem-

by Joel Brinkley

ILAT, Israel — Eilat is to perature drifts below 100 degrees
Israel what Key West is Fabrenheit (38 degrees Centigrade) to the United States - a only at night and the steady breeze hot, lazy, bohemian and from the south feels like the out-(to be honest) tawdry little resort draft of an air-conditioner, Eilat is town at the nation's southern tip, the domain of Israelis who take physically and emotionally far re- advantage of the off-season rates. moved from the commotion to the

Eilat has no Arab community and no significant religious population, facts the city's boosters like to

"This is a resort area; the religious, they like to stay in the center of the country," Mayor Avi Hochman says. That removes any possibility for the two greatest sources of tension here — Arab versus Jew, of them come to Eilat and disrereligious versus secular.
"We're tolerant here," said Rina

Maor, head of the state tourism office. "If people want to go to the synagogue it's O.K.; if people want to go topless it's O.K." Most female visitors seem to choose the latter

Though Eilat is separated from

the population and problems of greater Israel by more than 100 miles of desert, it has never really been discovered by American tourists, who virtually abandoned Israel as a tourist destination this year. Tourism in general has been on a steady downward slide since the The site "ies" and the interest of the site "ies" and the ies is the site of the

The city "isn't really that interesting," Maor says candidly. "Simple Palestinian uprising began almost a year ago. But while the rest of Isra-construction. We're not a cultural el's tourist centers are foundering. Ellat's tourism rate has risen by 10 Mayor Hochman has found a air shopping plazas.

novel way of attracting tourists:

Don't tell them Eilat is part of Israel. "We try to isolate Eilat from with one of the most magnificent the rest of the country," he says. physical settings in the world. At "We sell and promote it without the end of the town marina pier, at mentioning Israel. We're not the northernmost tip of the Red

Snorkeling is a popular pastime

ashamed, but it's good for busi- Sea, the sea laps gently at the pil the visitor can watch schools of tropical fish dart around. On either shore of the Gulf of Agaba, crazgy granite and sandstone mountains tumble down to the water's edge. Since it hardly ever rains in Filat maybe five or six showers a year time has not worn away the peaks

But as impressive as the natural features may be, the political geography is even more captivating. The tures are typically in the 80s and Filat has a climate that is a pier is in Israel. But just to the left, bit chillier than that of winter in only a mile or so away, is Aqaba, Miami, the resort is populated by Western Europeans. Five or six just over the border in Jordan. To the south, and clearly visible only a charter flights a day arrive from few miles off, is a small village, Hagal, in Saudi Arabia. To the West Germany, Austria, Britain, Switzerland and Scandinavia. Most right, just past the Taba strip, with its Israeli-built, five-star Aviya gard the rest of Israel to the north Sonesta Hotel, is an Egyptian flag - Mayor Hochman's advertising fluttering in the breeze. Standing on the pier at night, looking at the lights twinkling from homes in four But Americans come only "as part of a tour, usually," the mayor says. Maor adds, "Three days in nations along both shores, it is hard to appreciate the animosity among Jerusalem, two days in Haifa, two days in Eilat." Last year only about the varied peoples.

TILL, the attraction that brings most people to Ellat is the Red Sea, perfectly clear, virtually waveless and comfortably warm, between 70 and 80 degree all year. Filat is a magnificent spot for all manner of water sports. There could hardly be a better place for wind-string: There is no surf, and the breeze up the Gulf is so steady and strong it's almost like

being machine driven.

Many visitors water ski, parasail, take dinner cruises and peer between their feet in glass-bottom boats. But the favored activities are snorkeling and scuba diving. The tropical fish and coral reefs in Filat and farther south off the Sinai coast in Egypt are rated as among

the most spectacular anywhere.

The principal reef most easily accessible from Eilat is the Coral Beach Nature Reserve, maintained by Israel's Nature Reserves Authority for snorkelers and scuba divers. Ellat is full of diving centers that cater to first-time divers as well as those with experience and

For the not so adventureso there's the Coral World Under- Israel will be able to stay there. water Observatory at Coral Beach. A multiwindowed circular viewing room has been sunk 15 feet underwater, 20 yards offshore, at the end of a walkway and down some steps. in 1967, it held on to Taba, a mi-Parts of the reef have been relo-nuscule spit of sand on the border. cated just outside the viewing win- An Eilat entrepreneur built the dows, and the fish the reefs attract Sonesta, but after years of negotiacluster around. From the windows tion and arbitration, an internavisitors can see many of the sights that divers enjoy.

that divers enjoy.

that Taba belongs to Egypt. Out of the water and behind the

city is the Negev Desert, magnifi-still be able to stay at the Sonesta cently barren, riddled with trails without first getting an Egyptian for hikers and horseback riders. visa remains to be nesociated. But hikers and horseback riders, visa remains to be negoti-

On the beach at Eilat.

Hikes and horseback rides -- any as long as the matter has been untourist hotel in town can make arrangements for either — are better taken by winter visitors. In the summertime the heat is so intense that hiking is not just uncomfortable; for some people it's unsafe. Most visitors arrive by way of Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. Israel's domestic commuter airline, Arkia, of-fers several flights a day from either

city. The trip takes about an hour. Other people like to drive down, through the Aravah Valley, along the border with Jordan. In town, the main tourist hotels at the foot of the bay are, quite

literally, within walking distance of the airport. But the most popular hotel in the area is the Sonesta at Taba, although it's not certain how much longer visitors coming from HEN Israel evacuated

VV ing it from the Egyptians

Whether tourists from Israel will

der negotiation, there have been low-level tensions along the border.

The Sonesta is the only five-star hotel in the area under Israel's rating system. There are several rated one notch lower. Among the best are King Solomon's Palace, the Moriah Filat and the Neptune.

As for dining the restaurants serve food that is interesting, well prepared and perfectly good but seldom outstanding.

La Coquille, in the tourist hotel complex adjacent to town, is an expensive French restaurant that many people consider the best in the country. La Barracuda is a . charming open-air scafood restanrant at Coral Beach with a range of wonderfully prepared fresh dishes. The Gulf is just across the street.

Eilat offers much to do but also a sense of place. A visitor who walks along the beach outside the tourist hotels will, after a short time, pass an Israeli Army jeep parked in the sand, 50-caliber machine guns mounted front and rear. Just behind them a sign says: "Stop. Fron-tier ahead." But Israel's border with Jordan is calm, especially in Filst. And one afternoon the soldiers in the jeep, like almost every-other person in Eilat, lay back, eyes half closed, lazing in the sun.

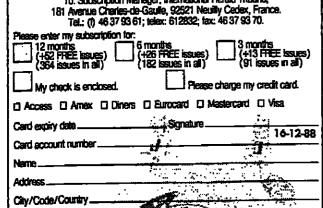
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### Small Rome Museums Continued from page 9

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The Keats-Shelley-Byron Me-morial Museum is located in one of Rome's most romantic set-tings. To the right of the Spanish Steps, the museum dedicated to the Romantics, Keats, Shelley and Byron, is in a house that used to be Pensione Angeletti. Keats spent the last three months of his life in the house and died at 3 A.M. on Feb. 23, 1821. He was

Keats came to Rome from England after his tuberculosis worsened and doctors told him he would not survive another English winter. He was accompanied by a friend, the painter Joseph Severn. At Pensione Angeletti they took a three-room apartment that had a tiny bedroom with a window overlooking the Spanish Steps. From his bed Keats could look up at the pan-eled ceiling Severn had painted with flowers. The bedroom, which is open to visitors, is now filled with cabinets containing first editions, letters and other memorabilia, including a deathbed portrait of Keats painted by Severn while he was attending the poet at his bedside. Below the portrait are written the words, "Three o'clock in the morning . . . drawn to keep me awake

The front room is dedicated to Lord Byron, who lived across the street at No. 66. The last room contains memorabilia from Shellev's life in Rome. In all, there are more than 10,000 books and magazines dedicated to the English Romantic poets in this museum. This museum also has a curiously large collection of locks of hair:

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Barrett Browning's tresses on dis- the altar of the church, the Rever-

Keats-Shelley-Byron Memorial Museum 26 Piazza di Spagna; 678-4235. Open Monday to Friday from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M and 2:30 to

The Capuchin Monks Mus of the Dead is in the basement of a church at the point where the Via Veneto meets the Piazza Barberini. A macabre reminder of death, the basement is decorated with the bones and skulls of over 4,000 Capuchin monks who died between 1528 and 1870.

Tibiae, vertebrae and other parts of the skeletons of the dead friars were used to decorate the walls and ceilings of six rooms and a corridor with rococo trim-mings that include wreaths made of skulis and arabesque arches of arm and leg bones. Over an altar of rib cages hangs a chandelier made entirely of hands and feet. Capuchin Monks Museum of the

Dead. Open every day from 9 A.M. to noon and 3 to 6. Entrance is to the right of the staircase at Church of the Immaculate Conception at 27 Via Veneto. The Museum of the Souls in

Purgatory is in the modest little church of Sacro Cuore del Suffragio that stands along the Vatican side of the Tiber, near the Ponte Cavour bridge. The church was built by the Franciscans in 1890. In the sacristy is the unusual museum, a curious collection of book pages, vestments, wooden tablets and a nightcap bearing fiery imprints. The imprints, such as a fire-blackened handprint on the yellowed pages of a prayer book, were supposedly left by souls of the dead that had mo-mentarily obtained their release from purgatory, a place halfway between heaven and earth where the souls suffer in flames until they have paid for their sins.

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end Victor Jouet, who died in 1912, saw a human figure in the midst of the flames and decided it must be a soul from purgatory. Thereafter, he began to collect information on the souls in purgatory and documents of their appearances around the world.

Museum of the Souls in Purgatory, Chiesa Sacro Cuore del Suffragio, 12 Lungotevere Prati; 654-0517. Open Sunday 9 A.M. to noon. Visitors should ask at sacristy to see the museum.

The Museum of the Sanitary Arts, inside the Santo Spirito Hospital, is a small museum dedicated to the sanitary and healing arts. The walls inside are decorate ed with alchemy symbols and lined with walnut display cases containing beautiful majolica pharmaceutical vases from the 17th century.

The museum was founded in 1741 and has a large collection of anatomical models in wax that were once used for teaching purposes. The museum includes such curiosities as a liver stone the size of a cannonball from a camei; something described as a unicom's horn; a crude operating table from 1924 with worn leather straps; a skeleton from 1844 with its mummified nervous system intact and an anatomical model from the 16th century of a preg-nant woman with fetus carved in

On leaving the museum, visi-tors should take note of the octagonally domed apse of the former church just inside the entrance and the former church sisles, which have beautifully coffered ceilings and frescoed walls and have been transformed into the wings of the hospital.

Museum of the Sanitary Arts, Ospedale di Santo Spirito, 3 Lungotevere Sassia. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 A.M. to noon. Ask custodian at the main entrance of the hospital to see The Jewish Museum, housed in

the Assyrian-Babylonian-style synagogue built beside the Tiber in 1904, contains a permanent exhibition of the Jewish community in Rome. It contains a collection of ceremonial objects and scrolls from the 17th to the 19th century as well as copies of tombstone paintings, prints and other documents illustrating the almost 2,000 years of a Jewish presence in Rome.

Other exhibits include a collection of torah finials made by Roman goldsmiths as well as a selection of ancient ceremonial

textiles. Of special interest are the drawings and maps of the ghetto (an Italian word). It was in the ghetto that Rome's Jews were sequestered in the Middle Ages, and documents detail Jewish life there. There is also a collection of documents on Rome's Jews under Fascism that includes records of the more than 2,000 Jews deport-

ed from Italy. Jewish Museum (Museo di Arte Ebraica della Communita di Roma), 15 Lungotevere Cenci; 687-5051. Open Monday to Thurs-day 9:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. and 3 to 5; Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and Sunday from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Closed Saturday. Museum is to the right of temple

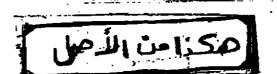
The National Museum of Musical Instruments displays instruments from all over the world & dating from antiquity to the 19th century. The collection grew out of a private collection and now numbers more than 3,000 pieces. They include such rare examples as the German harpsichord of Hans-Müller from 1537; one of the three oldest pianos in the world - that of Bartolomeo Cristofori who invented the piano-forte in 1722 — and the ornate baroque Barberini harp of 1600, which is decorated with samptuous gilt sculptures and is one of the most valuable items in the

National Museum of Musical Instruments, 9 Piazza Santa Croce in Gerusalemme; 757-5936. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and Sunday and holidays 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

The Museum of the Walls of Rome can be found at the point where Via di Porta San Sebastiano becomes Via Appia Antica (the ancient Appian Way). Here stands the Porta San Sebastiano, a portal flanked by two crenelat-ed towers. By climbing a staircase inside, the visitor will come to the museum. From here the visitor can walk along the top of the third-century Aurelian walls and admire the wide views of the cypress-lined Appian Way, the Alban hills south of Rome and the mins of the Baths of Caracalla.

Museum of the Walls of Rome, 18 Porta San Sebastiano: 757--5284. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of from 4 to 7 P.M., Sunday and holidays 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Visitors should take bus 118 from the Colseum to Porta San Sebastiano. 🗃 :

Louis Inturisi, who lives in Rome, wrote this for The New



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### The Paradores Of Puerto Rico

by Patti Hagan

OT long ago, I came across Raul Julia, smiling scated in a four-color ad between a tropical veranda and the deep blue sea, and inviting me to "Discover the Paradores of Puerto Rico — a beautiful escape from civilization." Right away I called "a Puerto Rico travel expert." Three weeks and five telecoms later, I finally began plotting my escape — from Brooklyn. The Paradores Puertorriqueños (Puerto Rican country inns) brochure heralded "A return to nature . . . The Paradores Puertorriqueños are the simplest way out for body and soul alike: a few quiet days in the country free from urban restlessness. It's rest at the Alpha level, in close contact with old Mother Nature."

By that time I had made my own contacts with Mother Nature, courtesy of Puerio Rico's biology fraternity, which introduced me to the rain forest at El Yunque and the dry forest at Guanica. They had put me on to nearby country inns, nonparadors, so to speak, which have not been entered on the Puerto Rico Tourism Company's list of 17 officially sponsored paradors.

Puerto Rico, nearing its 500th post-Co-lumbian birthday, could be mistaken for just another archetypal, static paradise. That is, until one ventures out on the island and into the modestly priced realm and idio-

syncratic charms of the paradors.

A neatly compact island of 110 by 35 miles, the most east and least of the Greater Antilles, Puerto Rico assumed its present shape and detachment 10 to 26 million years ago, upon drifting away from the Caribbean plate to become something of a small, independent platelet.

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From San Juan, a 40-minute drive delivered me, body and soul, to the edge of the 28,000-acre Caribbean National Forest (El Ynnque) - and the ramshackle nonparador, Le Petit Chalet of Lucy Mongual.

Lucy Mongual has been to the Olympics a number of times on horseback, but in the Luquillo Mountains she has dedicated herself to buying land for preservation and fighting off hotel developers. Mongual has been denied parador certification by the tourism company, she says, because "the walls are too rustic - no glass, no screens." Instead, she runs the island's only Campamento para Biólogos —a camp for biologists that has a liquor license and restaurant.

Greater Antillean Kingbirds nest in her TV antenna, and as her habitat is excellent for birding (being on the migrant flyway) and frogging, it is favored by both ornitholo-gists and herpetologists. They can simply sit back on the generous deck of the tumbledown chalet, surrounded by great epiphyteladen trees, and observe.

Beyond the deck, humminghirds forage in the surrounding stands of bird of paradise and torch ginger. In this aerie, with views down the mountain to the Caribbean and to the distant night lights of San Juan, Mongual cooks inspired meals in what might be called Puerto Rican-European nueva cuisine. Rising throughout dinner will be a coqui treefrog chorus, the night music of Puerto Rico. By dessert, a few pink coquis will have hopped onto the chimney near the dining table. By Puerto Rican tradition, great fortune will bless anyone who sees a coqui.

And should you decide to see the night through at the dining table, Lucy will pre-pare a thermos of espresso con leche, and leave you to hear and see the other night creatures; the giant fireflies cruising about with green glowing headlamps, the bats whining into the wimple eaves, the Puerto Rican screech owl screaming minns in the

HERE are two ways to go west in Puerto Rico — the high-speed. straight-away route of the autopista and the low-speed, high-scenic Ruta Panorámica — 165 miles of mountain road the length of the Cordillera Central. For a para-

dor-to-paragot return to nature. La Ruta Panoramica is the only way. It passes through 4 of the 14 forests under the protection of the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources.

I had been told by someone at the tourism company that the government-sponsored paradors network began in 1973 and were modeled on the program in Spain. Puerto Rico lacks castles but it does have two coffee haciendas. One that I checked out, the Parador Hacienda Gripiñas, has occupied a hillfold near Jayuya, at the center of of the island, for 200 years. The hacienda is an elegantly simple wood building, painted white with green trim, set in a garden with blooming orchids, ginger, oleander and bou-gainvillea, a pool and riverbed bordered by

stands of bamboo and tree ferns. The Gripiflas kitchen is counted among Puerto Rico's gastronomic inns, though it's seemingly impossible to get either fresh fruit or fresh fruit juice there. Save yourself for the restaurant El Dujo on the other side of Jayuya, a Meson Gastronomico of a higher order. El Dujo is the place for fine Puerto Rican food: from crisp tostones (deep-fried green plantain), mofongo (a green plantain dish), to asopao (rice stew with chicken), to shrimp or lobster a la Criolla and extraordinary dessert flans of passionfruit or orange.

The general manager of the Paradores Puertorriqueños, Luis Alvarez, has said that each parador "must be situated in a historic place or a site of exceptional scenic beauty and must meet our demanding criteria. However, it is sometimes difficult for the parador-sampling traveler to divine exactly what the criteria might be and if, indeed, the tourism company is uniformly demanding of its official paradors. For instance, after studying the brochure, I was fairly enchanted by the idea of putting up at the 200-year-old mansion that is the Parador Oasis in the Spanish Colonial Gothic town of San German. I was prepared for an inn as cute and quaint and pastel as the town - not Mc-Donald's. But this parador has been brought releatlessly up to date.

DEOPLE visit San German to soak up the atmosphere and character of a I6th-century Spanish colonial town, not dime-store modernity. Who, and by what criteria index, allowed the Parador Oasis to go so wrong? After all, according to the official standards outlined for paradors, architectural quality must be in keeping with the area.

Puerto Rico's nonparador nonpareil is

Mary Lee's by the Sea at Guánica. Mary Lee's offers seven peaceable hideaways -Pacifica, Alegre, Contenta, Tranquila, Sere-na, Encanto, Placida — each casa fully equipped with kitchen and decorated in a light, bright, all-natural, all-cotton Mediterranean Marimekko esprit. There are patios and gardens and docks on the mangroves out front, where the Caribbean breaks over coral reefs and mangrove islands. Immediately north of Mary Lee's is the Guanica Forest Reserve, a dry forest that is the island's bird-richest habitat. Along with the Caribbean National Forest, Guanica is a Unesco-designated International Biosphere Reserve, the two being protected samples of major eco-

Just east of Mary Lee's, even the beachoblivious are stopped dead by Whale Bay. The Bahia de la Ballena has a white sand beach in a near-perfect, horizontal, catenary curve. Its waters shade out like a chart of paint chips, every imaginable turn of aquarmarine. Back of the sands, coconut palms hula in the breeze, and there are no people. I am told this is a turtle-nesting beach. Puerto Rico reported earlier this year that Club Med has a \$22-million plan for 300 nests here, too. Because the government has failed to acquire this land for the Guánica Forest Reserve, it is in peril of becoming an International Biosphere Reserve that is unique by reason of a Club Med ecosystem.

Patti Hagan, who writes on natural history and gardening, wrote this for The New York

# Fake Thai Art Is a Booming Art Form

by William Warren

IRST you wear down the sharp angles, maybe chip them a little. Then you soak it in sulfuric acid, to give the stone some nice pits. Finally you put the piece in another kind of acid that makes it darker, older looking. Some people also bury it for a while, but that's not really necessary except for buyers who feel safer with a little dirt."

The slim young Thai, who prefers to remain nameless, spoke with authority, as well he should. He is one of the most proficient producers of fake Khmer statuary in Thai-land today, and samples of his handiwork turn up regularly in auctions of Asian art and private collections, having passed the scrutiny of experts just as easily as they would the far less practiced eye of ordinary antique shoppers in Bangkok.

He is by no means the most prolific, however. He carves only two or three figures -usually heads and torsos of gods and goddesses - a month, while other less discriminating craftsmen turn out dozens, carefully modeled after photographs of the real thing in books of Khmer art.

The results can be seen in Bangkok (and a few Chiangmai) antique shops, sometimes frankly labeled as fakes but just as often not. A couple of years ago the young man sold one of his torsos to a dealer here for \$12,000; shortly afterward it went to a Singapore collector for \$32,000, along with assurances that it was a genuine 12th-century figure of the goddess Uma.

So widespread has faking become, with such persuasive results, that when Nancy Hock, an associate curator of the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, recently went to Thailand, faking was one of the areas she specifically studied. She found the fakes

very convincing." Stone is not the only medium used for what some Bangkok dealers refer to as "new antiques." Chiangmai is a well-known source of magnificent bronze patina (achieved by covering the pieces with ammo-nium nitrate for a spell) and authentic-looking to the last iconographic detail. Woodcarvers, also mainly in the north, have learned how to weather Burmese-style figures to a satiny gray finish that even a trained eye is apt to accept. Specialists in traditional Thai painting, ceramics and terra cotta display a remarkable skill at giving their creations a convincingly ancient ap-pearance that multiplies their market price.

"In five years," says the Khmer specialist, "there won't be any more genuine first-class antiques for sale in Thailand.

HOULD this state of affairs actually come to pass, it would be a source of pleasure and relief to the Thai Fine pleasure and relief to the Thai Fine Arts Department, which has long fought to keep the nation's treasures at home. Legally, even "new antiques" require official permission before being exported - and local customs officials are particularly difficult about any Buddha image, new or old — but it is hardly a secret that some dealers have discovered ways to get around the regulations. At present the issue is a matter of consid-

erable public interest thanks to a storm of protest that raged recently over a Khmer lintel that mysteriously vanished from a northeastern temple back in the '60s and reappeared several years ago in the Art Institute of Chicago. Eventually, the institute gave in and the lintel was returned, amid great fanfare, on Nov. 10.

All of which confronts the prospective shopper from abroad with a problem. Despite the permissions required, despite peri-odic outbursts of criticism in the press when foreign magazines show a Buddha image in a disrespectful position (i.e., used primarily as decoration), "new antique" shops continue to open in both Bangkok and Chiangmai and offer lavish displays of everything from prehistoric pottery and Buddha heads to enough purportedly old Burmese woodcarv-ings to rebuild and furnish hundreds of complete temples in that sad country.

How then is one to judge, to select something that is both what it seems and legally



An antique lion's-paw bed.

If what the young sculptor says is true and it is corroborated by numerous local collectors - an obvious piece of advice is to view any major item in stone or bronze, as well as most of the prehistoric pottery, with skepticism, no matter what kind of guarantee accompanies it.

Major pieces aside, though, there are still plenty of interesting things to buy in Thailand, especially in the category of decorative items. Of these probably the best bets are handicrafts, Chinese and Burmese as well as Thai, many of which are rapidly becoming extinct or being corrupted by mass-producers looking for quick profit.

One example is fine basketry, once a specialty throughout the country since items of woven reed or bamboo were rural necessities, storing rice and household goods, carrying goods to market and countless other uses. Plastic is replacing natural materials for most of these today, and the old ones (often looking older than they actually are) turn up in shops as striking objets d'art, as distinguished in line as in workmanship. Lacquered Burmese basketwork is available. too, and the rich dark red of the old is fairly easy to distinguish from the brighter color of most newer items.

Old textiles - either silk or cotton or a combination of the two - are also good buys, though no longer as cheap as they once were, since local collectors have become aware of their increasing rarity. Many of the

finest examples - brocades and delicate embroidery - are actually Laotian, or at least made in the northeast, where most of the population has long been ethnically Lao. or were produced by the tribal groups who live in the hills of the north.

There are handsome woodcarvings as well, despite the numerous fakes. It takes but a rainy season or two for a piece to acquire a powerfully convincing appearance of great age, but even so many genuinely old fragments of temple decoration do appear in shops, along with such curios as elegant spindles from spinning wheels, lacquered wooden boxes, and coconut graters in the shape of various animals, especially rabbits.

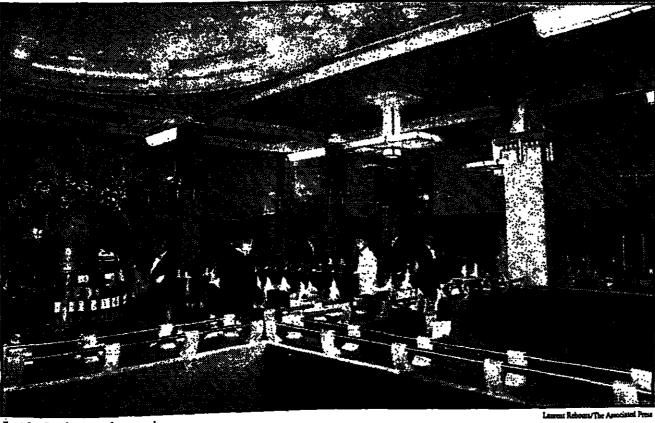
NTIQUE Chinese and Thai furniture turns up, too, though it takes training to distinguish some of it from the excellent reproductions being made. Traditional Thai tables and beds — low and generally plain, with curved legs adapted from Chinese models — are especially worth seeking out, and so are Chinese cabinets with ornately carved and gilded doors. Few of the latter are likely to be Ming, or even much older than a century, but they can be unusual additions to a room.

In the second half of the 19th century, European furnishings were the rage among the Thai aristocracy and much of this is now appearing in shops, equally prized by affluent young Thais. Enthusiasts of Victoriana, in particular, are likely to have a happy time ... browsing in shops that specialize in such items as cut-glass decanters, brass carriage lamps and bric-a-brac from the Diamond

Jubilee of 1897. Perceptive collectors of porcelain may also be rewarded. That pieces from the Sukhothai period (13th to 15th centuries) are " available in the form of celadon bowls and 2 covered jars with brown on beige designs and there are quite a few specimens of blueand-white Chinese export ware. Little known in the West but sought after by Thais: is bencharong, a pentachromatic ware with Thai motifs made in China during the Ayutthaya and early Bangkok periods for export to Thailand. Local buyers are willing to pay several thousand dollars for a good speci-

Finally, there are those fakes, omnipresent and often very tempting, too. For shoppers more concerned with beauty than antiquity, the elegant Umas and Sivas, the sinuous Burmese goddesses, the Laotian rain drums with their attractive patina are not merely excellent copies but also creations worth having on their artistic merits. If the price is right, then, and if you're not planning to donate them to some museum, forget about authenticity and treat yourself.

William Warren's latest book is "Thai Style" (Rizzoli). He wrote this for The New York Times.



Inside the famous brasserie.

# La Coupole

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made in the name of restoration will remain

de mer — remain to this day its culinary drawing card. The new Coupole expects to serve more than 100 of them each day, contributing to a daily turnover of 6,000 oysters and other shellfish, some 250 crabs and 50 kilos of langoustines. The bane d'huitres, enlarged and modernized, is advertised as the biggest in Paris.

The rest of the brasserie's traditional fare remains much the same. Lamb curry, steak tartare, steak frites, cassoulet and platters of choucroute - sauerkraut and sausages make up the bulk of the menu.

While subtle and not so subtle changes

controversial, in many ways the dining room has never sparkled more. The original blond lemonwood panels that reach halfway up the walls have been cleaned and brightened, and the giant square Art Deco chandeliers still add that authentic period touch. The 34 famous square pillars - 32 of which include paintings by artists such as Fernand Leger and Othon Friesz — were all dismantled, cleaned and restored. Perhaps the most dramatic visual change is the color of the lower portion of the pillars. Formerly a reddish

clay color, they are now a brilliant jade But there are aspects of the life, spirit and

reputation of La Coupole that no one could change. The days of Hemingway and Fitzgerald, Man Ray and Luis Bunuel may be long past, but no matter what anyone does to it, La Coupole will remain a place to see and be seen, to sip chocolat on the terrace, to devour oysters in the vast salle, to join the crowd of legendary lingerers of Montpar-

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### **Upgrading the Attractions** Of Unbundled Stock Units

By FLOYD NORRIS

Non-York Times Service EW YORK — The companies trying to issue "unbundled stock units" to the public may have to mark them down to persuade investors to accept them, officials involved in marketing the securities have acknowl-

edged. They added that sales efforts for the new securities were being broadened in an effort to draw in more retail investors.

A lower price would take the form of providing more than one unbundled stock unit to shareholders for each share they trade in. Ronald J. Gallatin, the Shearson Lehman Hutton managing director who headed the team that invented the new securities, dismissed as "ridiculous" rumors of a possible exchange ratio of

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1.05 unbundled stock units for each share. He declined to comment on whether a lower

ratio might be considered. will reflect worries If prices are cut, it will reflect worries of institutional that the market investors that the market for the securities might be rela-tively illiquid, thereby increasmight be relatively illiquid. ing transaction costs.

Such a lower price would no doubt make other companies hesitate before joining the trend toward issuing the new securities, although the more important prices would be set after the issues began trading. If the packages then moved to a premium over existing shares, that would make it easier for other companies to issue similar securities.

Unbundled stocks units are composed of three securities and provide investors additional protection in the event the company does poorly over the next 30 years.

That additional protection, however, carries a heavy tax bur den for individual investors, and it has been assumed that taxexempt institutions would provide the principal market for the

The first security in the unit is a bond that pays interest at the current dividend rate of the common stock but will be worth much more at maturity in 30 years. It is that part of the package that provides the protection if the company does poorly, but it

also carries tax penalties because investors have to pay taxes on the rising value of the bond each year.

The two other securities assure that investors holding the units would do at least as well as stockholders if the company prospers.

HE FIRST, known as an incremental dividend preferred, would pay an amount equal to any increases on the dividend on the common shares and could be reacquired by the company for a nominal sum at the end of the 30-year period.

The other, essentially a long-term warrant, would allow the buyer to purchase a share, in 30 years, for the proceeds of the two other securities.

An exchange ratio different from an even swap of one share for one unbundled stock unit was left open as a possibility in the preliminary prospectuses issued by American Express Co., Dow Chemical Co., Pfizer Inc. and Sara Lee Corp., but went generally

Some professionals who have looked at the units have concluded they are worth much more than common shares. Paul Greenwald, an institutional salesman at Bear, Steams, says the units should be viewed as equaling a share of stock plus a put to sell the stock back to the company at a fixed price in 30 years. Estimates of the value of the put range up to about 10 percent of the value of

Mr. Greenwald has recommended that his clients tender into

considers it unfair to shareholders who do not tender.

"Any finance student at the University of Chicago could tell you that the cost of that put is borne by the other shareholders."

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### **Ford Cites Platinum** Substitute

### **Metals Markets** Decline Sharply

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. said Thursday that it had developed a catalyst that is as effective as platinum in reducing exhaust emissions but is much less costly.

In New York, platinum futures plunged after Ford's announcement. On volume of 16,474 lots, the contract for January delivery closed down the limit of \$25 at \$579.50 an ounce. Analysts said the selling reached

panic levels as traders rushed to move out of a fast falling market. The news from Ford sent shock waves in platinum," said Don Tier-ney of Stanley B. Bell Inc., "and traders faced the possibility that up to one-third of the world's industri-

al usage might be lost."
In London, platinum was fixed Thursday afternoon at \$579,50 an ounce, down sharply from its morning settlement of \$599.75 in reaction to the news. It fell further

to close at \$555, its lowest since the start of November. The announcement was made by Ford's chairman, Donald Petersen, in a speech in Pittsburgh to the Pittsburgh High Technology Coun-

Mr. Petersen said Ford was conducting a pilot run of a new catalytic converter, which is being installed on some 1989 model autos.

"To appreciate the full implications of this patented development you must understand that at least some platinum - a very expensive and scarce metal - has always been required in the past to reduce tailpipe emissions to meet government standards," he said.

A spokesman for Ford, Bill Peacock, said the automaker would not disclose the material that is being used in place of platinum. He said there was a significant cost reduction for each car through the use of the substitute.

The converters have been installed on 40,000 to 50,000 1989 Ford Thunderbird and Cougar models equipped with 3.8-liter naturally aspirated engines to be sold in California, Mr. Peacock said.

U.S. automakers have been working for some time to find a platinum substitute, he said.



### SAS Is to Buy Into British Airline

### Offer for 24.9% Stake in Carrier Totals £25 Million

By Warren Getler

International Herald Tribune LONDON - Scandinavian Airlines System, in a further move to expand globally through partnership, said Thursday that it would buy 24.9 percent of the enlarged equity of Airlines of Britain Holdings PLC, parent company of British Midland Airways, for £25 million (\$47.8 million).

In a joint statement with Airlines of Britain which also owns Manx Airlines, Logan Air and London City Airway, SAS said its proposed purchase has been approved by Britain's Civil Avia-

tion Authority.
Separately, John Herbert, an SAS spokesman in London, said that an SAS agreement to acquire 40 percent of state-owned Aerolineas Argentinas was "off for the moment" as a result of a decision by the Buenos Aires government to invite internation-

al bids for the large minority stake. SAS executives and officials of Airlines of Britain said in London that the link between the two groups would position both for freer competition in Europe after 1992, the deadline for an integrated European market.

SAS, based in Stockholm, is half-owned by the governments of Sweden, Norway and Denmark. SAS lost to British Airways PLC last year in a

fierce bidding war to acquire British Caledonian Group PLC, the smaller of the two main British carriers. SAS had been forced by Britain's Civil Aviation Authority and the Department of Trade to limit its proposed stake in British Caledonian to well below its initially proposed 40 percent inter-

Jan Carlzon, SAS president, said in London that his company had been "working on positioning itself" for the past five years to be "one of the major international carriers in Europe for the

"In Europe," he added, "we've been looking for a partner to give us a wide market base to support a global network." The connection with ABH, which follows SAS's

purchase of a 9.9 percent stake in Texas Air Corp. in October, will give SAS added global reach through "feeder" routes in Britain to compete with such European giants as British Airways, Lufthansa and Air France. All three carriers have the advantage of a large domestic market that is denied to SAS, Mr. Carlzon emphasized.

Mr. Herbert, the SAS spokesman, said that although ABH is a smaller group than the Caledonian group, it will still go far in helping SAS
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# Rate Increase By Bundesbank Targets Inflation

By Ferdinand Protzman International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - The Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, tightened monetary policy Thursday, raising its key Lombard lending rate by one-half percentage point while narrowing its monetary growth target for 1989 in a bid to squelch inflationary expectations.

Economists said the tightening of credit, which comes amidst a global trend toward higher interest rates, could presage a discount rate rise in the near future by the U.S.

Federal Reserve Board.

The Bundesbank's policy-setting council raised the Lombard rate to 5.5 percent from 5.0 percent at its regular biweekly meeting on Thurs-

day. The move had been expected. The increase was followed by the Dutch and Austrian central banks, which raised their discount and Lombard rates by one-half per-centage point. On Wednesday, the Bundesbank raised the rate at which it supplies money to the German banking system under 35-day securities repurchase agreements, and the French, Belgian and Dutch central banks also tightened credit.

Many economists and foreign exchange dealers said they believed the Fed would soon follow the trend by raising its discount rate, now at 6.5 percent. The Fed raised the discount rate, which it charges on loans to banking institutions, from 6.0 percent on Aug. 9.

"I think a discount rate rise is likely," said Brendan Brown, an economist with County NatWest in London, who pointed out that U.S. markets already had taken a discount rate increase into account. The federal funds rate, which is what U.S. banks charge each other on overnight loans, was at 8 11/16 percent Thursday, up from an average of 8.51 percent Wednesday.

"There is a growing impression that a discount rate rise is near," said Richard Reid, an economist with Phillips & Drew in London. Foreign exchange dealers said the Fed would need to raise the discount rate to support the dollar,

which could weaken as the increase

in German interest rates attracts

funds into the Deutsche mark. The

expectation that the Fed will tight-

British Data Lower Pressure For Rate Rise

Thursday. (Page 17)
"It is clear that the Bundesbank

is saying 'we don't want the dollar to go higher,' " said a currency trader in Frankfurt. "The real ques-

tion is whether they or the Fed are willing to accept a lower dollar. That seems unlikely at this point."

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Although the Bundesbank coun-leraised the Lombard rate, which is

Reuters

LONDON — Britain released economic data on
Thursday that included a report of slowing wage growth in
October, which economists said cut pressure for the goverament to raise interest rates.

Two other reports, however, showed the 28th consecutive month of falling unemployment in November and a record current account deficit in the third quarter. Economists said that, overall, the figures eased pressure for a rate rise but meant the government still faced inflationary pressures.

Growth in underlying aver-

age earnings slowed in October for the first time since January 1987, with wages up at a 9 percent annual rate, compared with 9.25 percent in September. Analysts said, however, that the drop was due to too large a provision for a salary adjustment for state nurses.

The unemployment rate fell last month to 7.5 percent of the adult work force from 7.7 percent in October, the lowest since April 1981.

A third report showed the third-quarter current account deficit jumped to a provisional seasonally adjusted £3.6 billion (\$6.58 billion). That compares with £2.8 billion in the second quarter and £1.2 billion in the third quarter of 1987.

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# Milken Would Leave Drexel in Any Plea-Bargain TRADE: National Security Emerges as a Powerful Protectionist Weapon.

By Stephen Labaton New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. and Michael R. Milken have decided that Mr. Milken will leave the firm if his presence stands in the way of a sculement of the expected criminal charges against the investment house, people at Drexel and close to Mr. Milken say.

That understanding reflects the government's insistence that he leave the firm as part of any plea-bargain agreement. Mr. Milken is head of the firm's "junk bond" department. Unlike Drexel, Mr. Milken's lawyers are not

in discussions with federal prosecutors to avert criminal charges. People at the firm said Wednesday that, although some progress had been made in settlement talks, an agreement remained elusive.

"They've reached tentative agreements on some items, but many large ones remain outstanding," a Drexel executive said. "The feeling here is that no overall agreement is close."

Frederick H. Joseph, Drexel's chief executive, has said that unless a plea-bargain arrangement is reached, the firm will be accused of a wide variety of criminal charges, including racketeering, insider trading and securities

The firm, Mr. Milken, his brother Lowell and others have denied civil charges brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission that they defrauded clients, traded on insider information, manipulated the price of stocks and violated scores of other securities regulations.

Michael Milken has been largely credited with building the investment firm into a powerhouse on Wall Street through the pioneering use of the high-yield, high-risk junk bonds. In recent months, however, he is said to have



ton/The Washington Post Michael R. Milken

spent fewer hours at his office in Beverly Hills, California, and nearly a third of his time preparing for his defense against any civil and criminal charges.

John H. Kissick, who heads Drexel's corporate finance unit in Los Angeles, and Peter Ackerman, a senior aide to Mr. Milken, have emerged as leaders of the firm's West Coast

An adviser to Mr. Milken said Wednesday he would not stand in the way of an agreement and would leave the firm if it were the only issue holding up a settlement. Mr. Milken is Drexel's largest individual shareholder, holding about 6 percent of the privately owned firm.

In recent days, lawyers for the government and the investment house have talked daily and by most accounts progress has been made.

But the prosecutors and defense lawyers were considered far enough apart that Drexel has not yet begun settlement discussions with the SEC. That agency's blessing for a settlement would be crucial, because Drexel expects that an agreement with the U.S. attorney in Manhattan must include admissions of several felony counts, which would automatically bar the firm from certain trading activities unless it could get a waiver from the SEC.

Sources at the firm acknowledged Wednesday that Mr. Joseph recently had met with U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani. The sources would not say what impact the meeting had had on settlement discussions, and Mr. Giuliani has repeatedly declined to comment about the investigation.

Executives at the investment house and people involved in the negotiations held out the possibility of a settlement but acknowledged that an agreement could still be derailed at any time and could be weeks off. Lawyers said the long-awaited indictments against other individuals could be more than a month away.

Sources said the firm's directors had authorized its lawyers to negotiate a settlement that would include guilty pleas on several felony People familiar with the case said the invest-

ment firm and federal prosecutors had been talking about a settlement of \$450 million to \$750 million, which would easily surpass the \$100 million settlement by Ivan F. Boesky and the corporate record set by Kidder, Peabody when it paid a \$25 million fine last year to settle insider-trading charges.

### SAS: Makes Offer for U.K. Airline

in Europe. He said costs could be a year earlier.

of fuel, aircraft and other supplies. Wednesday, Public Works Minis-Michael Bishop, chairman of ABH and controlling shareholder, sion was made to hold an interna-said the arrival of SAS as cooperative partner and major shareholder would enable ABH to develop domestic routes and routes to continental Europe in competition with

Industry analysts called the

Traffic carried by ABH rose 25 percent in the first six months of this year and the group is forecast-know the details of Terragno's million passengers this year. Its current offer.

(Continued from first finance page) 1987 pretax profit jumped 6 per-develop the "critical mass" it needs cent to £5 million from £4.7 million

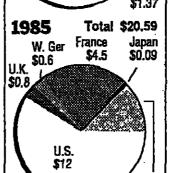
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Mr. Herbert said the board of France to renounce the basis of its the Scandinavian airline had not independence for the sake of a Eureceived official information from Argentina.

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Western Nations' programs, thus poisoning the at-mosphere for the joint develop-Arms Exports In billions of U.S. dollars,

undermining public support for military budgets. adjusted to 1984 value. Even in classic trade terms, de-Total \$17.62 W. Ger France \$1.5 control go to Carlo de Benedetti, \$2.4 and military technologies -- elec-The industrial countries are poised between shielding their industries or finding joint ventures in "At the end of the day, you have to make a judgment between the strength of the U.S. industrial base and the need for international co-\$1.37 operation," said Robert McCormack, deputy undersecretary of de-



referring to U.S. defense contractors, who he said were trying to "colonize" Europe.

Source: U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

A "buy European" approach, Mr. Chevenement seemed to sug-gest, should be expanded beyond traditional arsenals to cover new industrial sectors. He said that though they have generally resisted more and more companies were turning out both commercial and tect "dual-use" products such as military products. computer software that protects

Protectionism on both sides of some recent episodes that ostensibly involved national security.

When Fujitsu Ltd., Japan's largest computer maker, tried last year to take over Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., a big memory chip man-ufacturer, the Reagan administration forced Fujitsu to withdraw, citing national security concerns. would widen Japanese access to the U.S. semiconductor market.

In Western Europe, France tried

car-parts manufacturer, Valeo SA. after news organizations exposed the hollowness of government claims that "national defense" interests were involved. Less than I percent of the company's revenue came from defense-related contracts, and France eventually let

chairman of Olivetti SpA. In the United States, new categonies of industry - from machine tools to semiconductors and even clothing manufacturers engaged in making military uniforms - are seeking relief from imports on national-security grounds, saying that overreliance on foreign sources poses a threat to defense.

But in an early test case, involving curbs on the importation of ball bearings, Defense Secretary Frank C. Cariucci opposed the measure. The proposed restrictions were supported by U.S. manufacturing lobbies, not the Pentagon. analysis

These episodes have led Europeans to cry "protectionism" about U.S. measures to enforce the embargo on sending sophisticated technology to the Soviet Union. Washington requires NATO na-

tions to report the names of their customers who buy European products that incorporate sensitive U.S. technology. The requirement, Europeans say, gives the U.S. companies a chance to sell their own products directly. Pentagon officials reject the accusation that their motives are related to giving American firms a competitive advantage.

But some Europeans insist that a greater threat to economic vitality in the long run comes from U.S. sheltering of an entire industrial sector, such as computers, that thrived on freewheeling competi-

la this respect, "the United the Atlantic was the metivation of States is a worse offender than Europe, a much worse offender," said François Heisbourg, head of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London.

The Reagan administration departed from its own ideological objections to government interference in business to help create government-industry consortiums in sev-But analysts said the real motiva-tion was fears that the takeover processing and microchip manufacturing that have both commercial and military applications.

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Many Europeans want U.S. involvement. The British government is considering a politically unpopular decision to buy tanks made by General Dynamics Corp. of the United States.

land Group PLC, a helicopter maker, to team up with a Sikorsky Air-craft Inc. of the United States, overriding calls from her own party to impose a "European" solution by forcing Westland to join a European consortium.

American relations are burdened with trade differences extending from agriculture to telecommunications," Mr. Burt said, "another dispute about defense trade lies ? just around the corner."

### **Texas Air Halts Dividends**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

NEW YORK - Citing losses at its two airline subsidiaries, Texas Air Corp. said it would not declare quarterly dividend payments of about \$5.2 million on its four preferred stock classes.

The units, Continental Airlines and Eastern Air Lines, have experienced heavy losses in recent months. Analysts called the move a prudent step to conserve cash. They said it was not an indication that Texas Air was in danger of bankruptcy.

Texas Air, based in Houston, still has large amounts of cash,

which it estimated Wednesday at more than \$700 million. It said it would omit payments on its 6½ percent preferred stock, its 12 percent preferred stock and its 6¼ and 15 percent cumulative convertible preferred stocks.

contained earnings goals that had not been achieved by its units. It said Eastern "continues to experience serious operating losses." Texas Air said the dividends, which would have been declared in December and January, would be paid when recent losses were offset

Eastern, based in Miami, is embroiled in a protracted dispute with its unions and has been steadily losing customers.

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### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### EC Orders Shake-Up in Data Services

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputche: BRUSSELS — Telecommunications authorities in the European Community will be forced to let competitors offer services on their networks from next year under controversial proposals unveiled Thursday by the European Com-

The commission, the EC's executive body, said it had agreed on the broad outlines of a plan to break up the monopolies held by many national telecommunications authorities for all services except voice telephone and telex

It also proposed coordination under which private companies from any EC country would be allowed to offer services - such as electronic mail facilities or access to data banks — through public networks anywhere in the 12-nation community,

The commission's action was expected after Peter Sutherland, the EC competition commissioner, announced his intention earlier this fall to open value-added relecom-

munications services to third-party The move will allow value-added service providers the opportunity to build their networks utilizing

By James Risen

DETROIT — In a turnabout, Ford Motor

Co. has announced that it plans to let Mazda

Motor sell Ford's popular Bronco II sports

utility vehicle under Mazda's nameplate and

Japanese auto maker has agreed to sell vehi-cles in the United States that are designed

and built by one Detroit's Big Three auto-

Harold Poling, the vice chairman of Ford,

said Wednesday that the company would continue to sell the Bronco II through its

Ford dealerships, but would expand its U.S.

The agreement marks the first time that a

through its own U.S. dealerships.

telecommunications systems, which also offer such services.

Up to now, European third-party networks have had to rely entirely on private lines and equipment. In practice, the commission's ac-

tion will allow European valueadded service companies to more easily compete with U.S. and Japanese companies that have already grabbed substantial parts of the private value-added market, ac-

Raleses Net \$62 Million On Interco Stake Sale

United Press International NEW YORK — The Rales brothers, who abandoned a \$2.7 bil-lion bid for Interco Inc., said Thursday they turned a \$62 million profit after selling their 8.3 percent stake in

the furniture and apparel maker.
In a filing with the Securities and
Exchange Commission, Steven M. Rales and Mitchell P. Rales confirmed the Wednesday sale to an unidentified buyer of 3.16 million shares for \$30 each, or \$94.76 million. The brothers received a \$38.60per-share special dividend on the stock on Nov. 29. They paid an public switching facilities and put average \$49 a share for the stock.

them in competition with national cording to Dennis Exton, analyst telecommunications systems, with Phillips & Drew in London.

'Companies like Electronic Data Systems from the U.S. and KDD from Japan have been able to build bridgeheads in Europe by leasing circuits" and then reselling these circuits to third-party carriers, he said. KDD is Kokusai Den-

However, domestic European companies have been prohibited from doing the same thing up to now because they would be seen as trying to undercut their national

This will create a free-for-all." Mr. Exton said.

The value-added telecommunications services industry is currently estimated to be worth \$5 billion a year worldwide, but is expected to grow to \$52 billion by 1992. The business in Europe is estimated to represent 12 percent to 20 percent of the global market.

Diplomats said the plan to liberalize the telecommunications services sector was certain to refuel a legal furor that broke out over a commission decision earlier this year to end telecommunications authorities' monopolies over surplies of terminal equipment.

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trounced in light trucks by the Big Three.

### JAL Threatens To Hit Back If U.S. Bars Sales

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Japan Air Lines said Thursday it would consider retaliation against United Airlines if the U.S. government bans sales of JAL tickets through computerized reservation and ticketing systems in the United States.

"We deeply regret the sudden decision by the United States neglecting our previous agreements and unilaterally applying political pressure to settle this matter," the company said in a statement.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has accused JAL of violating the fair competition rules of the International Air Transport Association and called for discussions on whether sanctions should be imposed.

The dispute surfaced last summer when JAL refused to allow United's ticketing sys-tem to sell JAL tickets in Ja-

### **IBM Extends Arrangement Providing Data to EC Rivals**

Business Machines Corp. will continue to provide technical information about its mainframe computers to competitors in the European Community in an extension of a 1984 antitrust settlement, IBM and the European Commission said Thursday.

Under the extension, IBM will continue to provide information about its System 370 computers to EC competitors, which allows those companies to make their products compatible with IBM's

In return for the extension of the agreement, an antitrust investiga-tion against IBM by the commission, the EC's executive body, will remain suspended. IBM had the right, beginning Jan. 1, 1989, to give one year's notice that it would suspend the accord.

The joint statement did not specify for how long the accord was extended, but it said IBM and the commission would continue their practice of regularly reviewing the arrangement.

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Ford, has built a wide range of products for battle, with Dodge thrown in, and everyone U.S. automakers over the years, including else is getting blown away." U.S. automakers over the years, including the new Ford Probe being built at Mazda's else is getting blown away." The Japanese market share in light trucks has plummeted to just 11.6 percent; two years ago, it was 18.3 percent. Meanwhile, Mazda's decision to turn to Ford for help provides a graphic example of the new domithe domestics' share has soared from 81.7

percent to 88.4 percent. nance Detroit now enjoys in the light truck Such a severe reversal in trucks is worrisome to the Japanese; the light truck market After effectively creating the market in the is one of the most dynamic and fastest growlate 1970s, the Japanese are now getting ing segments of the entire auto industry. Increasingly, consumers are switching from "The import market share in trucks is traditional cars to "carlike" vans and utility een mostly them providing products for plunging," concedes William Hackett, Maz-s," he said. "It's good to see a turnaround." da's vice president for marketing. "Right now, light trucks is basically a Ford-Chevy vehicles, and the Japanese now find themselves behind on one of the most important trends in the industry.

solving - under the aegis of the BRUSSELS - International commission - certain interface questions between IBM and com-

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EC officials said the decision by IBM followed talks two weeks ago between Peter Sutherland, the European competition commissioner, and Mike Armstong president of IBM Europe.

They said Mr. Sutherland pushed hard at the meeting for IBM to extend its undertaking in order to quash a wave of uncertainty sweeping the computer industry over whether the computer maker, based in Armonk, New York, would continue to provide information to rivals.

The agreement has been reviewed annually since 1984 and that will continue, the officials said.

They noted the IBM case reflected a unique market situation in which technical standards for an entire industry were effectively set by one company and not governments.

The officials said that before the 1984 undertaking, IBM had been in the habit of not revealing technical details of its new computers to rivals, thus giving itself a lead in the market. This practice was the object of the commission's antitrust

IBM now can "announce whatever it wants" but then must reveal technical data within four months. one official said.

The officials said IBM's competitors were satisfied with the way the 1984 undertaking had worked to date. They said rival computer makers had requested around 700 pieces of technical information from IBM,

The officials said the commission's antitrust inquiry remained suspended indefinitely but could be reopened if IBM were to end its undertaking.

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For Mr. Poling, the Bronco II agreement

represents an opportunity to reverse a pat-

tern that has developed over the past decade.

"We have a partner in Mazda, and so far it's

been mostly them providing products for us," he said. "It's good to see a turnaround."

MELBOURNE — BHP Gold portionately small rise in earnings Mines Ltd. reported Thursday a net profit of 7.53 million Australian dollars (\$6.4 million) for the six months ended Nov. 30, but warned that the strength of the Australian dollar would have "considerable adverse impact" on its

cash flow and profits. Meanwhile, iron ore production was sharply lower in the six-month period, leading analysts to conclude that interim earnings at BHP's parent, Broken Hill Proprietary Co., would be unchanged when the company reports on Fri-

All BHP Gold comparisons were to the nine months ended Nov. 30, rency hedging policies could not All BHP Gold comparisons were

Sales for the first six months of the current year totaled 87.24 million dollars, compared with 21.68 million dollars in the nine-month period a year earlier.

reflected heavy capital spending

from cash flow. BHP Gold, which is 56 percent owned by Broken Hill Proprietary Co., said the strength of the Australian dollar and weaker U.S. dollar gold prices had driven Australian dollar gold prices to their lowest levels in two years.

The average Australian dollar gold price taken to profit for the half-year fell to 609 dollars an ounce from 620 dollars a year earlier, while production cost per ounce rose to 332 dollars from 313 dol-

BHP Gold said it had 37.9 million dollars hedged at an average year earlier. Australian dollar currency price of

The company said that the pro- 73.6 U.S. cents. That compares ment, Broken Hill reported higher rate of about 85.6 cents.

Gold production in the latest half year rose 35,888 ounces from the corresponding period a year earlier, to 116,609 ounces. BHP Gold said it was on target toward 250,000 ounces in the year.

Exploration spending amounted to 18.72 million dollars and capital expenditure totaled 25.92 million dollars in the period.

BHP Gold directors maintained

their policy of not paying a divi-dend to allocate funds to the expansion of company activities and reserves. . . 1

Meanwhile, analysts continued to predict that the parent would metal and the currency fluctua-tions, the company said in a state-the six months ended Nov. 30— shipped just 785,000 tons, comabout unchanged from 479.1 million in the nine-month period a

with the current Australian dollar steel production but sharply lower iron ore production after a damaging strike earlier this year.

The statement said that domestic steel dispatches rose to 2.38 million tons in the half from 2.17 million tons in the period a year ago. Analysts' estimates of steel divi-

sion profit range between 195 million dollars and 208 million dollars compared with an actual 100.2 million dollars in first half last year. Iron ore production was sharply

lower because of industrial dis-putes and shutdowns during November at Mt. Newman Mining Co., which is controlled by BHP.

trop ore output for the half fell to 14.53 million tons from 18.04 a vear ago. For the my

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Dispatches to the local market in November were 397,000 tons, up from 368,000 a year ago.

#### Goodyear Sees Drop In 4th-Quarter Net

AKRON, Ohio — Good-year Tire & Rubber Co. said Thursday that its fourth-quarter net income could be 40 percent to 45 percent below the \$167 million the company earned a year earlier.

The company said competi-tive pressures in the U.S. tire market were continuing into the fourth quarter. The 1987 quarter included \$47.6 million from discontinued operations. Goodyear said fourth-quarter income from continuing operations was expected to fall from a year earlier.

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DSM to Build Plant for Superfiber

AMSTERDAM - DSM NV, the state-owned chemicals company, said Thursday that it was building a plant to make Dyneema superfiber that is expected to begin production at the end of 1990. DSM will also build a polyethylene plant to produce raw material for the fiber. Dyneema, developed by DSM, is now being produced in a pilot program in Japan under a joint venture with Toyobo Co.

The Dutch company, to be partly privatized in January, will invest about 100 million guilders (\$51 million) in the first building phase. The plants will have an initial capacity of a few hundred metric tons.

DSM says Dyneema is the world's strongest fiber, 10 times stronger than steel and 40 percent stronger than aramid fibers, such as Twaron, produced by Akzo NV, and Kevlar, made by Du Pont Co. Possible applications are in cables, fishing nets, medical prod-ucts, motor helmets and bulletproof vests.

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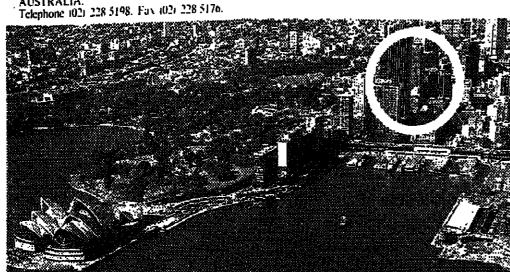
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NEW YORK — The dollar rose sharply in New York on Thursday is expectations of an early rise in the U.S. discount rate intensitied.

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The speculation surrounding the key U.S. rate grew after the Bundesbank and other European central banks boosted interest central banks boosted interest that could be rate to 9 percent Thursday after the recommendation of the serves to the banking system as serves to the banking system as expected.

The dollar closed at 1.7566 Dentification of the first wednesday, and at 124.07 year, up from 12.700.

It closed at 1.4770 Swiss francs, up from 1.4663, and at 5.9975

French francs, up from 5.9450.

The British pound closed at \$1.8185, up from \$1.8285 on Wednesday.

The dollar's rice began in Europe

Economic disasteri nurluring insurgence Wednesday.

The dollar's rise began in Europe on Thursday after the Bundesbank raised its Lombard rate to 5.5 percent from 5.0 percent.

control of Miles Karl Otto Pohl, the Bundesbank president, told a news conference that raising the Lombard rate was a small, moderate sign of a slightly tighter policy, but it should not be regarded as a prelude to a long period of tighter policies.

Shortly after the announcement a country of Ma of the Lombard rate rise, the Dutch Fercent of the pocentral bank said it would raise its discount rate by half a percentage goint to 4.5 percent and the Austrian central bank said its Lombard rate would rise to 5.50 percent and 5.00 percent. That followed increases in key money market rates whether the same for t cried industrial be on Wednesday by some European central banks

Dealers said now that the European central banks had moved, it was increasingly likely that the strong. The inflation rate is still Federal Reserve would follow suit.

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The Bundesbank raised the Lombard rate to choke off inflationary pressures and has re-established domestic priorities in its monetary policy," a dealer said. "So why shouldn't the Fed follow a dealer said. **London Dollar Rates** 

suit at a time when inflationary pressures in the U.S. are also grow-

rise is by no means a foregone conclusion for all market participants. One dealer a U.S. bank said: earlier,

to raise the rate as the dollar is firm now. The U.S. will not do so until and if the dollar comes under heavy selling pressure."

The markets appeared to be anticipating the rate rise, however, as key money market rates shot higher

Thursday. In addition to the rise in the fed funds rate, one-year Treasury bills rose to 81/2 percent from 8.44 percent Wednesday, while threemonth bills edged up to 8.18 per-cent from 8.13 percent a day Earlier, in London, the dollar closed at 1.7475 DM, up from 1.7380 DM on Wednesday, and at 123,32 yen, up from 122,60. It closed at 1.4725 Swiss francs

up from 1.4655, and at 5.9650 French francs, up from 5.9415. The British pound rose more

than one plennig after the an-nouncement of the Lombard rate rise. It closed at 3.1933 DM, up from 3.1805 DM Wednesday, and at \$1.8290, up from \$1.8325.

The pound rose to 77.9 on its trade-weighted basis against a basket of currencies from 77.8.

### RATE: Bundesbank Move Targets Fears of Inflation

(Continued from first finance page)

charged to commercial banks on short-term loans from the central bank against bills as collateral, it left the benchmark discount rate at 3.50 percent. The discount rate is charged on banks' medium-term borrowings from the Bundesbank

against securities as collateral. The council also narrowed the broad M-3 money supply growth target for 1989, setting it at "around 5 percent." That marked a significant departure from the council's practice of setting a specific target range, such as the 3 percent-to-6 percent band for 1988.

Karl Otto Pobl, the Bundesbank president, said setting the target at around 5 percent meant the Bundesbank wanted to slow monetary growth, which has overshot targets for the past three years. He said, Raising the Lombard rate is a step in that direction.

"Economic growth is thoroughly very good, but the price situation is no longer as favorable as it was. We wanted to avoid even letting inflationary expectations build up."
Mr. Pohl said he did not view the moves on Thursday as dramatic. **G-7 Date Discussed** 

PARIS - Pierre Bérégovoy, the French sinance minister, said Thursday that a meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations should take place in February.

The British Treasury said later that it would prefer to wait until April, but did not rule out a meeting before then. On Monday, U.S. Treasury oflicials said the economic advisers of George Bush, the president-elect, wanted a meeting "early in the new year" and a February meeting was indicated. Mr. Bush will be inaugurated on Jan. 20.

where prices begin to rise so strongly that we really have to step hard on the monetary brakes," he said. He also acknowledged that by choosing a deliberately vague mon-etary target the Bundesbank was trying to show more flexibility in French to raise their interest rates setting its monetary policy.

The Bundesbank's moves stem from a general consensus among that there will be a realignment industrial nations that "one year' before the end of the year," he said

greatest worry is not recession, but rather the fear that inflation is moving up to unacceptable levels," Mr. Reid said.

Mr. Brown of County Natwest said, however, that the Bundesbank's moves were likely to increase tensions within the European Monetary System, where France and West Germany have been at loggerheads over the strength and dominance of the Deutsche mark over other currencies.

"I think the disharmony between Paris and Bonn was evident in the way some rates were raised Wednesday night and others Thursday," he said, "It has a hasty look to it and smacks of unwillingness on the part of the French."

Although Finance Minister Pierre Beregovoy of France and Mr. Pohl repeated Thursday that neither nation wanted a realignment of the EMS now, Mr. Brown said the interest rate increases in West Germany could mean more movement of short-term funds into that nation, putting pressure on the again or accept a realignment.

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### U.S. Regulatory Agency **Orders Bank Examiners** To Review LBO Lending

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON - The agency that regulates nationally chartered U.S. banks ordered its examiners on Thursday to look for institutions that have taken too big a chunk of the risky but lucrative business of financing leveraged buyouts.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which regulates about 4,400 of the 14,000 U.S. commercial banks, issued a set of guidelines for banks and government examiners to determine whether a bank's safety is endangered by involvement in the buyouts. known as LBOs.

Comptroller Robert L. Clarke, in a memo to national banks, said LBOs were "considerably more complex and characterized by higher levels of risk than more traditional forms of commercial bank lending," But he acknowledged that LBOs have become an imporcant source of income for banks as demand has declined for straightforward loans to corporations.

LBOs are "a legitimate business activity, as long as a bank's board of directors and management follow prudent banking principles and guard against mnecessary credit and legal risks," Mr. Clarke said. In guidelines issued to bank examiners, the comptroller stressed diversification. He said a bank should have policies to ensure it is not

overly involved in LBOs, does not lend too much to a single borrower and does not concentrate its lending to a single industry. "These are fundamental elements of any sound credit process, but they are especially important in view of the risk characteristics of many" LBOs, the guidelines said.

The comptroller ordered examiners to determine whether banks had specifically defined what a highly leveraged transaction is and whether any potential for conflict of interest arises when their officers are active on more than one side of the often-complex deals.

Banks should have policies curbing potential conflicts of interest in LBOs, to guard against getting sued by the losing parties in takeover battles, the guidelines said. In an LBO, such as Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co.'s record \$25 billion deal to buy RJR Nabisco Inc., an investment group borrows heavily in order to buy out stockholders and take over the company.

The company's new owners either cut costs or sell off pieces of the company to pay back the loans. Critics of the practice have said they feared that in an economic downturn, the high debt levels would endanger both the company and the lenders.

The comptroller began working on the LBO guidelines after surveying the practices of 11 large money center banks and five regional banks in late spring and early summer.

According to Loan Pricing Corp., a New York company that monitors large banks' loans, banks have lent \$70 billion in highly leveraged transactions since mid-1987.

### **U.S. Brokers Seek Creation** Of Repo Market in Tokyo

asked the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan to introduce a Japanese government bond borrowing and repurchase market, the U.S. brokers said in a statement Thurs-

The six firms said that market makers in Japanese government inventories because the extensive short-selling necessary for repo transactions is not permitted.

The Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan, the central bank, have been studying whether such a market should be instituted and what rules should govern it. Some central bank officials have said one could start as early as April.

The new market would help ease liquidity problems in the Japanese government bond market, the statement said. Currently, many older bond issues see little action because most trading is concentrated in the benchmark issue and the futures contract.

In the United States, U.S. 20vernment bond dealers use the repo market to finance their holdings of Treasury debt. They do so by arranging temporary sales of bonds and then rebuying them on a cer-tain date at a fixed price. The practice allows dealers to hold larger inventories and thus improves overall market liquidity.

The brokers argued further that current Finance Ministry guide-lines limiting short positions for foreign securities firms to one-fifth the size of long positions are unnecessary. They said that balancing total short positions against long positions would not impair the safety of the market but would significantly boost its liquidity.

The Finance Ministry has asked all securities firms to maintain a debt-to-equity ratio of less than

five to one. But the U.S. brokers TOKYO — Six U.S. securities argued that matched book arrangefirms operating in Tokyo have ments involve very short-term fi-

nancing risks. The U.S. firms said that securities held in a matched book arrangement should be discounted

when calculating the debt-toequity capital ratio, they said. A matched book is a trading account that borrows securities at one bonds must now carry large, risky rate and relends them at another rate, earning the difference be-

tween the rates.

The statement was signed by First Boston (Japan) Ltd., Goldman Sachs (Japan) Corp., Merrill Lynch Japan Inc., Morgan Stanley Japan Ltd., Salomon Brothers Asia Ltd. and Shearson Lehman Hutton

#### Trade Surplus In Japan Called Likely to Persist

Agence France-Presse TOKYO — Japan will be unable to slash its huge trade imbalance in fiscal 1989 and will run a surplus of about 590

billion, a private research group predicted Thursday.
"This is because the growth rate of imports will go on de-clining," said the Nikko Research Center, an affiliate of

Nikko Securities Co. The center said the surplus es in Japan's merchandise trade and current account balances had expanded in the second half of 1988 mainly because of increasing exports and declining imports.

"This trend will continue in fiscal 1989, and the trade balance will show little improvement," Nikko said.

## Thursday's NASDAQ prices as of 3 p.m. New York time.

This list, compiled by the AP, consists of the 1.000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value, it is undated twice a year. Via The Associated Press

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## On Illegal Subsidies

BRUSSELS - The European Commission on Thursday threatened court action against five member states over government grants and loans to industry that distort competition.

The commission, the EC's executive body which is responsible for promoting fair competition in the 12-nation bloc, said France, Belgium, Greece, Italy and Spain had repeatedly granted aid to companies without notifying the

Under EC rules, the commission must be told about all such aid and must give its approval. Companies can be ordered to repay the money if the commission subsequently decides that it distorts competition in the community. The commission has intensified its campaign

against illegal state aids because it believes they could multify the benefits of the planned integration of the EC economies into a single market after 1992.

A commission statement said the five coun-A commission statement said the five countries had two months to say what measures they were taking to ensure that Brussels was notified of all aid. The two-month warning is the first stage in bringing an action at the European

### **BOOKS**

**HEAVEN: A History** 

By Colleen McDannell and Bernhard Lang. 410 pages. \$29.95. Yale University Press, 302 Temple Street, New Haven, Conn. 06520.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

T O a medieval visionary named Gerardesca (1210-1269), it was a city-state: a holy city, surrounded by seven castles and assorted fortresses.

To the Renaissance humanist Francesco Colonna (1433-1527), it was a picturesque place dotted with fountains and laurel trees, a paradisiacal countryside where pretty maidens and their young beardless lovers frolicked about the hills and shady groves.

To the Swedish mystic Emanuel Swedenborg, it was a collection of cities with "avenues, streets, and squares," where angels lived in houses with courtyards, gardens

And to later spiritualists, it was a land of self-improvers and perpetual students who spent their days in colleges, seminaries and libraries.

The place described by all these individuals, of course, is heaven — the subject of this fascinating study by the scholars Colleen McDannell and Bernhard Lang. It is a rich, provocative subject (the same subject, incidentally, of a stylish documentary film by Diane Keaton), and the authors use it as a springboard from which to examine shifting attitudes toward man and God, within the Ju-deo-Christian tradition. They show how Christianity's own development (growing from a fringe cult into the official religion of the late Roman Empire, and later, an establishment power in Europe) affected its theology; how political, cultural and social shifts were mirrored in changing attitudes toward the afterlife.

Not only are pivotal examples drawn from the works of such thinkers as Augustine, Aquinas, Luther and Pascal, but paintings (by Giotto, Hieronymus Bosch, Fra Angelico, Rubens and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, among others) are used to illustrate the cultural dissemination of

Both best sellers and serious literature (including works by Dante, Milton and Blake) are discussed in detail, but movies are oddly ignored—a curious lapse on the authors' part, given the wealth of films (from "Stairway to Heaven" and "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" through "Heaven Can Wait" and "Made in Heaven") that offer highly specific representations of what happens after death.

All in all, however, the authors have done a sophisticated job of finding and collating historical material. Some of the descriptions of heaven found in this volume are willfully abstract and vague: heaven as a radiant, ight-filled space, presided over by God and populated by noncorporeal beings.

Other descriptions are so precise as to verge on the comical. One 19th-century spiritualist contended that heaven had two theaters (one for producing earthly dramas; the other for "original heavenly plays"); another noted the absence of spectator sports, though he acknowledged the existence of tennis, rugby, soccer, cricket, boating and "athletics of all kinds."

A 17th-century theologian observed that saints in heaven did not eat, but enjoyed the smells of roses and carnations; a more contemporary writer speculated that residents of the great beyond were vegetarians.

On the matter of love and sex in heaven, there are just as many conflicting opinions. According to the authors' interpretation of the gospels, Christ, himself, explained there would be no marriage in the resurrected life after death, men and women would be "angel-like, asexual beings." Medieval mystics, for their part, saw virgins achieving a "beatific union" with Christ that would follow the dictates of courtly love. Daring Renaissance thinkers went so far as to envision heaven as an idealized Garden of Eden, "a place of erotic human love in the bucolic setting of a comfortable natural landscape." And Swedenborg postulated a heaven that would sanctify true love.

in tracing the evolution of views concerning heaven McDannell and Lang point out that most theories fall into one of two categories: a "theocentric" model of heaven, in which the individual's relationship to God is stressed; or an "anthropocentric" model of heaven in which human ties — to family, friends, the community

-play a greater role. The latter model tends to take a more positive view of the world, turning heaven into an idealized version of life on earth — a life that is complete with love, work and social connections. "Although the two models often coexist," write the authors, "one of them can generally be considered the dominant view for a given time and place. But the leading position, whether occupied by the theocentric or the anthropocentric view, cannot be firmly established in the long run." Rather, the pendulum of collective belief tends to swing between the two.

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By Alan Truscott

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and at once tested clubs by cashing the ace and then leading to the king. West's discard of a spade was a disappointment. Any direct attempt to score a ninth trick in spades was due to fail, but Siebert read the cards. well. He judged that West was sure to have the spade queen and was unlikely to have unguarded it. His distribu-tion was likely to be 4-5-2-2, as indeed it was, so two diamond winners

were taken, ending in dummy.

Now a heart lead to the seven permitted West to take four heart tricks, but he then had to lead from the spade queen at the 12th trick to give Siebert a well-earned game. In the replay, North-South attempted

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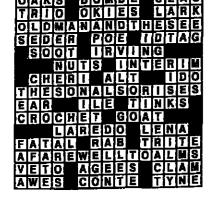




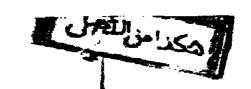












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### Valliser Wins Downhill Cup Race

N. ALTENMARKT, Austria (AP) — Maria Walliser of Switzerland skied trough falling snow Thursday to win the second women's downhill race the World Cup season.

Walliser was timed in 1 minute, 35.23 seconds down the 1,900-meter, 072-yard) course. Veronika Wallinger of Austria was second in 1:35.33 ith Switzerland's Michela Figini, the defending World Cup champion,

After a women's World Cup downhill race scheduled for Wednesday as canceled because of strong winds and fog organizers opted to let tursday's race go on as scheduled despite persistent snowfall that aited visibility on the upper part of the course.

### S., Europe Win in Kirin Cup Golf

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The defending champion United States, led by a Crenshaw and Chip Beck with six-under-par 66s, defeated Australia-W Zealand by 10-2 Wednesday in the Kirin Cup World Championship Golf, while Europe, anchored by Ronan Rafferty of Ireland and Jose zero of Spain with 69s, beat Japan by 9-3.

apan was to play Australia-New Zealand and the United States face tope on Thursday in the four-day round-robin tournament. The two os with the most points play for the championship on Saturday.

### oltz Named Top U.S. College Coach

IOUSTON (AP) — Lou Hoitz, of No. 1-ranked and unbeaten Notre ne, won the Bear Bryant Award on Wednesday night as the top U.S. ege football coach.

itz, who also won the honor in 1977 when he coached the Arkansas orbacks, beat out Jimmy Johnson of Miami, Florida; Don Nehlen of t Virginia and Larry Smith of Southern California. The award is ented by the Football Writers Association of America.

#### oley Resigns as Coach of Georgia HENS, Georgia (AP) - Vince Dooley has resigned as football

at the University of Georgia after a quarter-century spent transnet ing the school's team from also-ran to traditional power.

-first is certainly no secret that I have considered for the past several com a change in careers," Dooley said Wednesday, adding that "I have come a change in careers," Dooley said Wednesday, adding that "I have Fall possibilities which interest me, including opportunities in busi-that well as a long-standing interest in the politics of this state." trabooley said he would not decide his future until after the Bulldogs' said-I Gator Bowl game against Michigan State.

### Abdul-Jabbar Case to Go to Trial

PHOENIX (AP) — Kareen Abdul-Jabbar, the leading scorer in National Basketball Association history, will be tried next year on two misdemeanor counts stemming from a shoving incident at a shopping

mail, a city prosecutor said Thursday.

The charges stem from an April 21 run-in between an Italian tourist, Fernando Nicolia, 40, of Rome, and the 41-year-old center of the Los Angeles Lakers. Nicolia claims Abdul-Jabbar hit his video camera, causing a bruised eye and a scratched ear when the camera struck his head. He also has filed a civil suit over the incident. Abdul-Jabbar has said he brushed the camera out of his way in annoyance at the tourist's

persistence in taping him.

Tyler Rich, an assistant city prosecutor, said the case had been set for x-yn-jury trial in Phoenix Municipal Court on Feb. 28.

#### For the Record

Bob Stuff, who turned Texas-El Paso from a loser into a bowl team in three years, was named football coach at Missouri.

Trevor Francis, the former striker for England's soccer team, was appointed manager of the first division Queen's Park Rangers. (Reuters) Kerrith Brown, one of five medalists disqualified for drug-taking at the Seoul Olympics, will be suspended for the minimum two years, the British

Judo Association said Thursday. (Renters)

Juan Martin Coggi of Argentina will defend his World Boxing Association junior-welterweight title against Harold Brazier of the United States in Vasto, Italy, on Jan. 14. (Renters)

#### **Uuotable**

The toughest places in the United States to play in college basketball?

Bob Dukiet, Marquette: "Arkansas. It's like playing in Russia."

Bobby Paschal, South Florida: "Nevada-Las Vegas. We lost the

gaine and we lost our money."

Lloyd Winston, Emory: "NYU. The gym is tucked away in Greenwich Village with security guards frisking people at the door, it resembles Kubia Khan's pleasure dome, five floors down, filled with screaming fans, and the locker room is a sweat box."

● Sal Mentesana, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania: "Millersville [Pennsylvania). You have to go through a public bathroom to get to your locker

fans are absolutely rabid. And I think they bite."

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By Fred Farris national Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - The voices of Ken Allan, Dallas Burnette and other sportscasters familiar to listeners of the American Forces Network have been stilled for many since the radio service switched from shortwave to satellite broadcasting. Aware that this has deprived tens of thousands of non-military listeners overseas of the broadcasts of American football and baseball games, home-front newscasts and the like, officials of the American Forces Radio and Television Service say they are "honestly sorry." But, these AFRTS officials said, their primary mission is to serve the 1.5 million members of the U.S. armed forces and their families

aboard nearly 500 U.S. Navy vessels. The satellite system, which began Oct. 1, is far better than shortwave, said Lieutenant Colonel Tom Hansen, the satellite-network operations officer for AFRTS. Signals from stations on the ground are bounced off satellites and rediffused globally.

in 72 countries world wide, as well as those

"Shortwave reception is poor and par-ticularly we were not getting to most of

### It's Strike 3 Around the World

#### Armed Forces Network Has Switched Off Its Civilian Listeners

our navy ships at sea," Hansen said from longer can get the broadcasts that Bala-his beadquarters in Alexandria, Virginia maci called "representative of what you'd his headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. "We've been rather doing a poor job of it."

"We weren't getting the bang for the buck," George Balamaci, chief of news and sports, said by telephone from the AFRTS broadcast center in Sun Valley, California. He said that using spare time on Voice of America transmitters was quite expensive, and the satellite system much cheaper.

With the MRSAT, the international maritime satellite system, Hansen said, "It's going to cost us a lot less and we'll be getting better service for our armed forces listeners abroad."

But expatriates from South America through Europe, Africa and the Middle East to the Pacific, and all the other civilian shortwave listeners that American Forces Radio had reached previously, no

hear if you were home in the States."
"We definitely know we are missing some people out there," said Hansen, "and we're honestly sorry about it. We thought about it long and hard."

He said AFRTS has had some inquiries, but, surprisingly, not as many as

"Eighty-five percent of our inquiries have come from people in the United States," he said, "which surprised us, because we don't put out anything that's not available on commercial networks in

"We've had some inquiries from other countries - from a missionary in Africa, somebody on a fishing trawler off Venezuela — who have been used to listening to us on shortwave. Those are the people

we're concerned about," said Hansen. But since AFRTS is a branch of the U.S. Defense Department, its main mission is to serve the military forces, he said. The only way others can receive the broadcasts is by installing a one-meter satellite dish that can pick up the L-band. The dish and its receiving equipment now cost about \$5,000.

(Inquiries should be sent to American Forces Information Service, Department of Defense Public Affairs, 601 North Fairfax Street, Snite 312, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314-2007, Television transmissions are in the C or KU band, Hansen said.)

The first satellite service for ships, covering the Pacific region, also began Oct.1. At that time, shortwave broadcasting over U.S. Information Agency transmitters ended, partly because some transmitters were no longer available. Satellite broad-

cast service for U.S. Navy vessels in the Atlantic is to begin June 1, 1989, with Indian Ocean service to follow soon after.

We anticipate getting some of those L-band," or radio only, "receivers on all the big ships where most of our navy forces are, but it may not be economical to do it on the smaller ships or on submarines," Hansen said.

Heretofore, these shortwave radio broadcasts had been carried over Voice of America transmitters in the United States and Munich, West Germany, using spare transmission time, which the AFRTS rented from USIA. Hansen said this cost between \$2.5 million and \$3 million a year. By contrast, the satellite-service budget, per ocean, is about \$300,000 a year. And, last year, VOA notified AFRTS there would be no spare time on its Munich transmitters after Oct. 1. This silenced

AFN broadcasts to the Middle East. "Our new technology is going to cost us a lot less and we're going to be getting better service," Hansen said.

But many of AFN's erstwhile listeners will not get this service, no matter how improved, unless they set up a satellite receiver. At at cost of \$5,000.

### Wilander Faces Steeb in Cup's **Opening Match**

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches GOTEBORG, Sweden - Mats Wilander, the world's top ranked tennis player, will open Sweden's bid to retain the Davis Cup on

Thursday's draw pitted him against the left-handed Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany, ranked 73d, in the first singles match of the best-of-five championship.

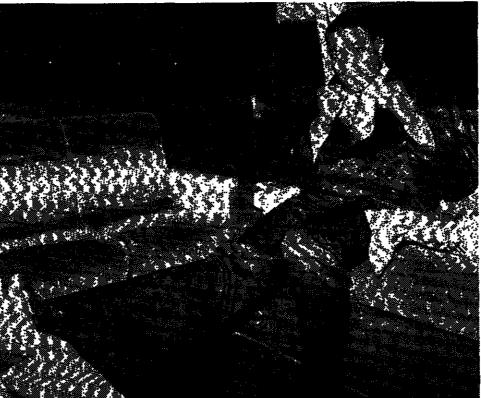
Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg then will face Masters win-ner Boris Becker of West Germany in the day's second singles match. The somewhat surprising announcement that Steeb, 21, would play singles instead of Eric Jelen was made by West Germany's team

captain, Niki Pilic. "Steeb has played better and has better results this fall than Eric," Pilic said Wednesday. "It was not a difficult decision. Now, Eric can concentrate on the doubles."

Steeb has played only two Davis Cup singles, winning both in the first rounded this year against Brazil. The indoor clay court, tailormade to suit the Swedes, was still soft because of the damp air in the Scandinavium stadium. And it was mud to Becker, who openly showed his dislike and pointed out holes in the court at practice.

West Germany is hoping to become the ninth nation to win the coveted trophy, having lost by 5-0 to the United States in 1970 and by 3-2 to the Swedes in the 1985 final in Munich. Sweden, a four-time winner, beat India by 5-0 in last year's final and is playing in its ixth successive final.

is in doubles with Edberg and Anders Jarryd. Both Wilander and made Thursday, of Bruno's onders Jarryd. Both Wilander and Becker and Jelen, on the other hand, are unbeaten in Davis Cup d are ran (LAT) the world.



Alex Great/The Associated Pres-

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Denver Broncos, placed only one

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AFC: free safety Eric McMillan of

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land Patriots and kick returner Tim

Brown of the Los Angeles Raiders.

### Ali Says It Was He **Making Phone Calls**

WASHINGTON — Former which are owned by Cox Enterheavyweight champion Muhammad Ali said Wednesday that "I've been making the calls" and denied that someone imitating his waise. had on numerous occasions this mind about that." year telephoned senators, congressional aides and journalists.

that Hirschfeld had arranged several telephone conversations between Ali and several members of Congress, then-U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese 3d and others.

Reports published by The Atlan-ta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution had questioned the authenticity of the calls and quoted associates of both Ali and Hirschfeld as saying the attorney is able to imitate Ali's voice. The newspapers did not say that Hirschfeld was the one who made the calls, however. Glenn McCutchen, the manag-

"Muhammad Ali on more than

one occasion has said he did not At a news conference on the steps make the phone calls to polition of the Capitol, Ali specifically denied that his attorney, Richard M. said that to David Kindrel, he has Hirschfeld, had impersonated him said that to at least two other in any calls, although he acknowl-edged in a handwritten statement other than today, he has told us be did not make the calls.

Kindred, a sports columnist for the newspapers, did much of the reporting on the Ali calls.
"You know," McCutchen added

"Mr. Ali is an immensely popular sports figure. I would like to see him meet with us and other members of the press for a complete and detailed discussion of his political views. We stand ready to meet with him at his convenience. And I am sure that his many fans would love to know more about his political views and would love to know more about it in detail."

After distributing his written statement at the Capitol, Ali fielded questions for more than 30 minutes, answering in simple but understand-able fashion. But he declined any protracted discussions on political ssues, saying that was not the purpose of the news conference.

He didn't elaborate, saying, That's not what we're here for

There's no truth in it." Ali said of suggestions that someone else had spoken for him. "I did this because I had things I wanted to say."

His written statement specifically cited calls to Senators Orrin G. Hatch, Republican of Utah: Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts; Strom Thurmond, Republican of South Carolina, and

Virginia, as well as to Meese. He also said he telephoned The Washington Post and gave an interview to reporter Nancy Lewis.

Asked how the Atlanta newspachosen unanimously: linebacker per stories came about, Ali said Mike Singletary of the Chicago that Kindred "kept following me Bears; defensive end Reggie White around asking me did I make phone calls to senators. He followed me so much, I just said, 'No. running back Eric Dickerson of the I haven't made no calls.' So, he wasn't writing and didn't have no pen. I looked up and a week or two later and read in the paper that Ali didn't make the calls.

"I'm here to tell you, it was me," Ali said. "I did make the calls. And that's why we are here. I didn't know he was going to say that someone was impersonating Ali."
"I told him I didn't make the calls just to get him off my back,"

he said. Pressed as to whether Hirschfeld had ever impersonated him. Ali replied no. He called Hirschfeld "the best friend a man can have." He also said he had never heard Hirschfeld imitate his voice and

didn't know whether he could.

Frank Bruno struck a puglistic pose in a Los Angeles airport shuttle, but even that did not draw a crowd.

#### Bruno's Script in L.A.: Lonely Are the Brave The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Frank Bruno, arriving from London, wasn't greeted like royalty. In fact, the British

challenger for the world heavyweight title was met Wednesday at Los Angeles International Airport by only a couple of photographers. Nor was there a limousine. He and promoter Jarvis Astaire took a If the Swedes have a weak link, it bus to the rental car lot, en route to

Edberg have virtually quit playing again bout against Mike Tyson, set doubles outside the Davis Cup. for Feb. 25 in Las Vegas.

(AFP, UPI) here to get a suntan."

(Benjemin 9). Assists: Migmi 22 (Spar Los Angeles 23 (Manning, Nixon 5).

**U.S. College Results** 

### Cunningham: An NFL All-Star First Eagles' Black Quarterback to Start Game

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squad.

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - For the first time in the history of the National Football League's all-star game, which started in 1951, a black quarterback - Randall Cunningham of the National Conference's Philadelphia Eagles - has been voted to start the contest.

For Feb. 25 in Las Vegas.

Still, Bruno said, "You never know what Mike Tyson is up to."

Then he added: "But I didn't come A second black, Warren Moon of the Houston Oilers, made it as the American Conference's backup quarterback. A second black, Warren Moon

Only one rookie, Keith Jackson, The only black quarterback to the Eagles' tight end, made it in the have played in the game was James Harris of the Los Angeles Rams, who backed up Jim Hart of the then-St. Louis Cardinals in 1975 and went on to become the game's most valuable player.

The voting is conducted among the players and coaches, who may vote only for players on other teams in their conference. Each club sends in two consensus teams: one from the coaches and one from the players.

Wade Wilson of the Minnesota Vikings is the NFC backup quarterback, one of nine Minnesota players to make the team. Boomer Esiason of the Cincinnati Bengals was voted the AFC's starter.

None of the four quarterbacks had ever been voted onto the team, although Esiason played in the game two years ago as an alternate, getting in when Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins was unable to

There were other surprises:



Randall Cunningham

nine appearances; a tenth would • For the first time in five years, have set a record. neither Marino nor John Elway of Some old hands, though, were the Broncos was voted onto the

Only perennial all-star Lawrence Taylor made the team from of the Eagles; offensive tackle Anthony Munoz of the Bengals and the New York Giants, leaders in the NFC East. Fellow linebacker Harry Carson's streak ended after Indianapolis Colts.

### Now the Heat Can Rise Again

LOS ANGELES - After 17 losses and 51/2 weeks of the National Basketball Association season, the Miami Heat have won a game.

They halted their record season-opening string of futility Wednesday night when Rory Sparrow made a jump shot with 89 seconds to play, then forced Norm Nixon to misfire with one second left for an 89-88 victory. It came against the Los Angeles Clippers, no strangers to futility themselves. The Clippers, who have had the league's worst record each of the past two seasons, already had presented the NBA's other new club, the Charlotte Hornets, with its first victory. And it was the Clippers who had beaten the Heat in that team's first game ever.

"Ah, it was easy," Ron Rothstein said with a deadpan expression after • Last year's Super Bowl teams, his first victory as an NBA coach.

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### **OBSERVER**

### **Christmas Shopping**

By Russell Baker N EW YORK — My Christmas shopping took practically no time at all I did the job at Christmas mas Hell, a gigantic two-story building containing 273 stores (inchiding four department stores), five Santa Clauses, eight movies and 14 restaurants.

A shopper's ballet was in progress on the first floor. In this, eight people of indeterminate sex danced in gandy leotards, simulating lust for consumer goods by lasciviously stroking perfume bottles, women's suede jackets and men's bedroom

slippers.

My list had four items. Before leaving home, I had spent 10 minutes deciding what they would be, so was fully prepared to get it over

and done with.

Heading the list was "elegant blouse, size 14." Naturally, I went to the Eleganza of Fifth Avenue, the department store for people to whom money is no object. From long experience, I knew what

would happen.
"Show me a blouse," I would

"Do you visualize something special?" the seller would reply.

I do not visualize anything when buying women's blouses. I have bought one every December for many years and know what to expect. Women's blouses are dull. In any case, as I also know, Eleganza of Fifth Avenue will not have a blouse in size 14.

The encounter goes as always: "Show me a blouse." "Visualize something special?" "Makes no difference, any blouse will do as long as it's a size 14." "Very sorry, sir, we have nothing bigger than size 8."

In past years I have tried to jolly the sellers, noting that the store is always packed with women who obviously haven't been able to wear size 8 since seventh grade and asking why Eleganza treats so many potential customers so impudently.

These sellers cannot be jollied, so I no longer try. Long ago I used to ask if they knew of a store that sold size 14. I no longer try that either. They always say "The Dreary Fat Lady's Uninteresting Merchandise Emporium."

This year when the seller, a sultry size 16, said, "Sorry, nothing bigger than a size 8," I bought the size 8. It was faster than running through the usual banter and then walking miles

through this mercantile nightmare in search of the "Uninteresting Mer-

chandise Emporium." Also, the size 8 can be brought back and traded for a one-size-fitsall item like a set of Eleganza's imported fuzzy dice for auto windshields or cashmere pom-poms for

running shoes. The next item was a cat for a young woman. I found just the animal. It was a striped gray hybrid.
"You are kidding," I said when the
clerk named a laughable price, but

I was shopping, after all, in Beasts di Firenze, the famous Italian inter-national pet shop chain, and this car was one of the famous alley cats that infest Rome's ancient Colosseum and could live on nothing but spaghetti and tomato sance.

Hah! I said, deciding that since I had to spend a fortune I might as well get the young woman a pet with good resale value, so bought her a giant English mastiff with a jaw big enough to eat a hippopotamus, and probably an appealte to match.

The trick about Christmas shopping is to get it over with. In this spirit, because there was an auto supply shop next door to the per store, I ducked in and quickly bought a beloved son a case of

Yes, I knew he would prefer an all-expenses-paid vacation in Ha-waii, but the nearest travel agency was six restaurants, four movies and two department stores away. and the boy really must start learning how to do his own oil changes.

Fourthly, I wanted a computer for an irresistible 5-year-old girl. This required a walk of about 50 yards with the blouse and the case of motor oil under one arm and the mastiff under the other. These burdens and the sight of a toy store 10 yards ahead brought me to my

A computer for a 5-year-old girl. no matter how irresistible, is ridiculous, I realized, studying the toy shop window. Instantly I knew that what that dear little girl needed was an electric train, and bought one before you could say, "The computer is down."

At home, the shopping critics panned my performance mercilessly. I laugh at them with a jolly ho ho ho. And why not? Once again I have got the job done.

New York Times Service

## Lafcadio Hearn's Love Affair With Japan

By Christine Chapman MATSUE, Japan — "A jet black plum pudding reminded him of Christmas in Ireland. Hearn loved it," said Bon Koizumi, Lafcadio Hearn's 27-year-old greatgrandson and keeper of Hearn fame. Even now at home in Tokyo, my mother bakes plum pudding for Christmas."

As curator of the Lafcadio Hearn Memorial Museum and archivist of Hearn books at the Matsue Cultural Center, Koizumi, a lecturer and teacher, celebrates his famous relative with a candid appraisal of the man and the way Japan has treated him. As the grandson of Hearn's first son Kazuo, Bon Koizumi is privy to both family stories and Japanese scholarship. With a colleague he has edited the 15th volume of the "Anthology of the Works of Lafcadio Hearn," published in Japanese last September by Kobunsha.

"Almost everything Hearn wrote is translated into Japanese." Koizumi said during an interview at the Hearn museum. He was embarrassed to admit that he had not read any of Hearn's stories until he was a high school student. "I was a typical Japanese boy. I even failed the grammar test on the story."

As an undergraduate and graduate stu-dent in folklore at Tokyo's Seijo University, Koizumi moved to Matsue from Tokyo in 1987 to become the Hearn spokesman, as the city prepares for the 100th anniver-sary of the writer's arrival. The Japanese Society of Comparative Literature will hold an international symposium there in August 1990. The International Anglo-Irish Society of Literature will meet in Tokyo in October 1990 to honor the anni-

The wandering Hearn found a home

and a purpose here as the Greek-Irish-

American-Japanese misfit who spun tales of ghosts and insects, old songs and old cities, and humble people into an exotic eastern panorama whose images remain vivid today. From his first impressionistic essay written in 1890 about temple bells and paper windows, sandaled men and sweet women, Hearn made Japan lovable to the West. In time Japan turned Hearn into its favorite foreigner, passing his stories down in textbooks from one generation of schoolchildren to the next. But in tion of schoolchildren to the next. But in the 14 Japan years from 1890 until his death in Tokyo in 1904, Hearn became disenchanted. The Old Japan he idealized became the industrialized Japan he de-spised. In spite of marrying into a Japanese family, and becoming a naturalized citizen, an admired teacher at Tokyo Imperial University and Japan's most ardent publicist, Hearn was always an outsider. In provincial Japan, where he lived for five years, he was an odd sight walking the streets, peer-ing about with his one good, protruding

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each October for their annual meeting.

like "shadows," "illusions," "vapors," Hearn learned to temper his poetic prose with the blunt realities of Japanese life. The

Nishida, asked the daughter of a struggling

A match with the eccentric foreigner

would help her family financially and by

until 1896 in Kobe, after Hearn became a

naturalized citizen. After the birth of his

first son, Kazno, in 1893, Hearn decided to

seek Japanese citizenship to make his fam-

ily secure in Japan. Through their adoption

worked hard for her family.'

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Lafcadio Hearn (left) and Bon Koizumi, his great-grandson and keeper of his fame.

eye. (The other was blinded in a teen-age accident.) As Koizumi said, "He was a middle school. He portrayed Matsue af-henna gaijin, a strange foreigner. Crowds gathered around him, looking for his tail."

Later, in his years at the Imperial University as a professor of English literature, legend has it that the Shinto gods gather

from 1896 to 1903, he was still regarded as an anomaly, at least by his colleagues, for Isolated Matsue represented Hearn's ideal his students revered him. In his book, "Fathe and I: Memories of Lafcadio Hearn" where nothing is garish."

(1935), his son Kazuo wrote, "Some called As a writer who loved the sound of words him a person without any university education and a mixed blood deformity; and looked down upon him."

Hearn was born Patrick Lafcadio on the English novelist and critic Francis King has Greek island of Leucadia, today Levkas, in written: "Japan taught him the value of 1850, the second child of a British doctor, understatement, hint and allusion," result-Charles Hearn, and a Greek woman, Rosa ing in a "more chastened" style.

Cassimati. Although the couple had mar
A friend and fellow teacher, Sentaro ried after the birth of their first son, and had another son after Hearn, Charles former samurai family to take care of Hearn had the marriage annulled in Dublin in 1856. When he remarried, Patrick was 22, Hearn was 40. Married at 18 to a Japanese and divorced a year later, a fact who had returned to Greece. Reared by many biographies overlook, Setsu was an relatives in Dublin, he emigrated in 1869 to embarrassment in Malsue, where divorce the United States where at 19 he began to was regarded as shameful. As Bon Koizumi work as a newspaper reporter. By 1887 he was on a ship to Martinique where he was attempt suicide but thought twice. She to write the book "Two Years in the French

New York was the inevitable next stop where he was encouraged by his editors to February, 1891, Setsu and Hearn had startgo to Japan. He wrote more than a dozen ed to live together. Although English-lan-Japan books, from the 1894 "Glimpses of Unfamiliar Japan" to the analytical "Japan: An Attempt at Interpretation," published in 1904. His countless stories and essays in magazines and newspapers kept his name before the public, but money was always a problem.

In order to earn a living, Lafcadio Hearn he acquired the family name Koizumi and

gave himself the first name Yakumo, meaning "eight clouds." Husband and wife were two of a kind in

disposition: erratic, hot-tempered, para-noid in describing Setsu, Bon Koizumi used the words "cranky," "hysterical" and "severe to children." Hearn's reputation as a distrustful, quarrelsome, childish man is documented through his letters to friends, through the recollections of fellow teachers and missionaries, whom he particularly disliked, and in his son's memoirs. Kazuo was loyal to the father who adored him, but he cited Hearn's painful English lessons. Hearn would strike the child if he made a

With a grin Bon Koizumi insisted, "Hearn was ill-tempered by nature, not because of ill health. He must have been an honest serious man, but he was easily

He left Matsue in 1891 to teach in the warmer south. After three unhappy years in Kumamoto City, he moved to Kobe, where he worked for an English-language newspaper. In 1896 he accepted the chair of Professor of English Literature at the Imperial University. His lectures were famous for their emotional appeal. His reputation as the writer who had interpreted Japan to the West pleased the nation. (After his death the Taisho Emperor honored him for his sympathetic portrayal of Japan during the 1904-05 Russo-Japanese War.) But the university asked Hearn to leave because they wanted to replace him with a Japanese teacher of English literature, Soseki Natsume, who was to become a popu-

lar novelist. Bon Koizumi explained. "The university officials believed that the time had come for Japanese to teach English. A lot of foreign teachers were fired and Hearn was one of them."

Although he had offers to lecture at the University of London and at Cornell University in New York state, he chose to remain in Tokyo to teach at private Waseda University and to complete his final examination of Japan, the much-praised "Japan: An Attempt at Interpretation."

Once he had written that he felt like a "caged cicada" in Tokyo, unable to sing. But, Hearn never kept his "honorable mouth closed," as a guide on Mount Fuji once advised him. Before he died of a heart attack at home on Sept. 26, 1904, he had ordered Setsu not to cry, to play cards with the children to amuse them, and to bury his bones in a cheap urn near a temple in the countryside. Setsu had the last word: His guage biographies date their marriage in 1891, Koizumi believes it did not occur remains were buried in Tokyo's Zoshigaya Cemetery where he liked to walk. The name every Japanese knows, Yakumo Koizumi, is inscribed on the stone marker.

> Christine Chapman is a Tokyo-based journalist who specializes in the arts.

'War of Worlds' Script Is Sold for \$143,000

The original radio script for the 1938 "War of the Worlds," including handwritten changes by Orson Welles and CBS censors, was auctioned for \$143,000 at Sotheby's in New York. The manuscript of a play, "King Charles II," written in 1932 by George Orwell when he was a schoolteacher, sold for £4,400 (\$8,000) at Sotheby's in

Sir Peter Hall, the director who shaped 25 years of British statesubsidized theater, began a new career on the London commercial stage this week with "Orpheus Descending," a salute to Tennessee Williams. The first production of the Peter Hall Company won ac-claim for Hall, 58, who left the National Theatre after 15 years to: start his own company.

Twenty-six years after the premicre of "Lawrence of Arabia," the Oscar-winning epic will be re-released with scenes that had been cut from the original and a net look and sound created by \$600,000 restoration. The directo David Lean. 80, re-recorded lo parts of the original sound trace with Peter O'Toole and Alec Guil

More than \$500,000 worth major art works were sold a premiere at the Pacific Design C ter in Los Angeles. Proceeds of sale will go to AIDS research p jects in the United States. premiere was attended by such co lebrities as Gregory Peck, Dens. Hopper and Morgan Fairchild

The Mexican author Octavio Paz, 74, was awarded the Tocqueville Prize by the Institute of France. The award and 100,000 French francs (about \$17,000) are given for work reflecting humani-tarian ideals.

The British Association of Concert Agents has organized a benefit concert, at the Barbican Centre in London, for the victims of the earthquake in Armenia. The concert will be broadcast live Saturday on BBC 2 and Radio 3. The performers include Yuri Bashmet, Barry Douglas, James Gaivay, Andrei Gavrilov, Cho-Liang Lin, André Previn, Mstislav Rostropovich and Galina Vichnevskaya

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